



**Record of Proceedings
for the 3rd Regional Gathering
of Living Skies Regional Council
June 4th and 5th, 2001
ZOOM**

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

2021

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LIST OF MEETING AND OFFICERS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PRESIDER</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MINISTER</u>
1	2019	Swift Current	Annette Taylor	Shannon McCarthy
2	2020	ZOOM	Robert Reed	Shannon McCarthy
3	2021	ZOOM	Tricia Gerhard	Shannon McCarthy

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Grants Committee:			
Convenor:	Leslee Whalley	HOLBEIN SK S0J 1G0	
Nominations Committee:			
Convenor:	Susan Reed	CARNDUFF SK S0C 0S0	306-482-3932 (PC)
Property Commission:			
Convenor:	Annette Taylor	SWIFT CURRENT SK S0E 1E0	306-773-9353 (PC)
Pastoral Relations Commission:			
Chair:	Marvin Mackie	ARCHERWILL SK S0E 0B0	
Committee on Community of Faith Support:			
Committee on Lay Leadership Support:			
Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership Support:			
Staff:	Tracy Murton	Pastoral Relations Minister	

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Member: Elaine Little HAZLET SK S0N 1E0

2021 ROLL OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL GATHERING

For purposes of establishing the roll of the regional council, 'Ministry Personnel' includes Ordained, Diaconal, Designated Lay Ministers, Staff Associates and Candidates. 'Lay Delegates' are elected from their communities of faith, 'Members at Large' are lay members on commissions, Regional Council Executive, pastoral charge supervisors or liaisons appointed by the Regional Council, but not elected as lay delegates from their communities of faith. The 2021 Roll is based on attendance at the afternoon business meeting on June 5, 2021.

MINISTRY PERSONNEL

Anderson, Mitchell	Saskatoon	Anderson-Pratt, Deb	Regina
Appledore, Andrew	Hanley	Baek, YongSeok	Wilkie
Beal McKenzie, Carole	Star City	Berg, Debra	Saskatoon
Borgeson, Nora	North Battleford	Bortolotto, Roy	Wawota
Brick, Lorna	Neilburg	Brownley, Janae	La Ronge
Callfas, Lynette	Glenavon	Cantwell, Jordan	Saskatoon
Carr, Emily	Langham	Christie, Catherine	Abbey
Clark, Janet	Colonsay	Cline, Jeannine	Rosetown
Cottrill, VJ	Southey	Curtis, Brenda	Humboldt
Diduck, Bev	Regina	Dresser, Jen	Yorkton
Ellis, Tim	Moose Jaw	Fouhse, Laura	Saskatoon
Fraser, Cam	Regina	Gairns, Allan	Rosetown
Gerhard, Tricia	Regina	Gibson, Wendy	Gravelbourg
Giles, Sarah	Langenburg	Gilmer, Peter	Regina
Heo, Hyun	Kipling	Hills, Jo-Ann	Watrous
Hyun, SunDo	Meadow Lake	Iwai, Nobuko	Saskatoon
James-Cavan, Kathleen	Saskatoon	Janzen-Ball, Jennifer	Saskatoon
Ji, Eunkyuu	McCord	Johnson, Gary	Unity
Johnston, Beth	Nipawin	Kent, Marjorie	Lumsden
King, Lorna	Regina	Kitson, Frances	Lanigan
Lee, Hoeun	Tisdale	Maitland, Brian	Saskatoon
Manley-Tannis, Richard	Saskatoon	Manley-Tannis, Shelly	Saskatoon
McConnell, Ron	Outlook	McKenzie, Charles	Star City
Mee, Brian	Melville	Mitchell-Walker, Russell	Regina
Mohn, Lindsay	Delisle	Morton, Bonnie	Regina
Park, YoungJin	Esterhazy	Purdie, Raymond	Imperial
Reed, Susan	Carnduff	Reine, Darrell	Regina
Robinson, Diane	Regina	Ross, Mathias	Regina
Rowe, Michele	Maple Creek	Russell, Miles	Preeceville
Schrag, Ken	Gull Lake	Sellwood, John R.	Strasbourg

Shaw, Janelle	Lafleche	Steinbachs, Nancy	Hudson Bay
Strzelecki, Piotr	Kindersley	Sundberg, Laura	Regina
Sykes, Connie	Climax	Takau, Salesi	Abbey
Taylor, Annette	Swift Current	Tenford, Jim	Moose Jaw
Terry, Yvonne	Avonlea-Blue Hills	Unger, William	Saskatoon
van Dyke, Dexter	North Battleford	Vedress, Nora	Prince Albert
Wensley, Gayle	Battleford/Speers	Whalley, David	Big River
Wiebe, Danna	Silton	Wiig, Ursula	Davidson
Wilkins, Barbara	Rocanville	Wilson, Donna	Saskatoon
Woodall, Carolyn	Moosomin	Woods, Daryl	Saskatoon
Worrall, Jonathan	Shellbrook	Wudrich, Bradley	Hudson Bay

LAY DELEGATES

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Balls, Barry	Crossroads United	Balls, Frances	Crossroads United
Barnes Connell Jordan, Valerie	La Ronge	Beal, Della	Sktn: St. David's Trinity
Berge, Diane	Bridging Waters	Bernier, Susan	Biggar
Berriault, Mari-Anne	Regina: Knox Met	Biram, Marion	Carlyle
Blake, Hazel	Grasslands:	Blau, June	Regina: Wesley
Brandow, Ron	Balcarres	Brooker, Gayle	Imperial
Brosnihan, Elaine	Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Bryant, Lisa	Saskatoon: McClure
Campbell, Lyall	Outlook	Cole, Laurie	Gainsborough-Carievale
Crone, Shirley	Radville	Dentinger, Janet	Carnduff Alida
Dodd, Linda	Regina: Westminster	Dosch, Lorna	Saskatoon: McClure
Filson, Duane	Lafleche-Limerick	Forbes, Colette	Regina: Knox-Met
Greves, Audrey	Northern Lakes	Griemann, Eva	Moosomin: Bethel
Hall, Marlene	Regina: Knox Met	Halyk, Jane	Melville
Haroldson, Doug	Maple Creek	Hayes, Robert	Prince Albert: Calvary
Ivanichko, Sheila	Preeceville	Karras, Donald	Rocanville
Karras, Margaret	Rocanville	Karst, Allison	Assiniboia
Kendall, Christine	Gainsborough-Carievale	Kindopp, Don	St. Paul's International
Klassen, Herb	Regina: Heritage	Klassen, Nadine	Regina: Heritage
Krantz, Judy	Tisdale	Lambert, Norman	Regina: St. James
Ledingham, Claire	Regina: Heritage	Leuty, Rod	Delisle-Vanscoy
MacBean, Colleen	Swift Current: First	Mackie, Marvin	KeLRose
Macpherson, Rod	Sktn: Grace Westminster	Malo, Donald	Wolseley
Mathers, Ken	Moose Jaw: Trinity	McCrea, Nancy	Plenty
McPherson, Robert	Saskatoon: St. Martin's	Mervold, Deb	Shellbrook
Miller, Diane	Lumsden	Mundt, Karen	Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's
Nein, Laureen	Sktn: St. David's Trinity	Oliver, Ruth	Moosomin

Orr, Charlene	Grasslands	Peters, Marilyn	Dundurn-Hanley
Phillips, Margaret	Yorkton: St. Andrew's	Pollock, Bill	Saskatoon: Grace Westminster
Rudolph, Nora	Gull Lake	Salie, Don	N Battleford: Third Ave.
Salie, Joyce	N Battleford: Third Ave.	Sarauer, Allison	Humboldt
Schmidt, Diane	Prairie Spirit	Shepherd, Edith	Wilkie-Scott
Stewart, Darleen	Moose Jaw: Zion	Stumpf, Linda	Swift Current: First
Sullivan, Linda	Bethune	Swallow, Ruth	Grenfell
Thurlow, Diane	Meadow Lake	Waldner, Douglas	Carlyle
Warrian, Jeanette	Lanigan-Nokomis	Watson, Sandra	Abbey/Lancer/Portreeve
Weber, Dawn	Sktn: Grosvenor Park	Whalley, Leslee	Big River
Williamson, Betty Anne	Indian Head	Woodall, Matthew	Regina: Westminster
Wright, Owen	Saskatoon: Mayfair	Young, Dianne	Saskatoon: St. Martin's

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Gunningham, Linda	RC Executive	Hubbard, Sharon	PCS: Carlyle
Wiebe, Vic	PCS: Prairie Points PCS: St. Paul's International	Worrall, Dale	PCS: Luseland PCS: Plenty Dodsland

REGISTERED VISITORS / GUESTS

Hall, Allan	General Council Staff	Kocski, Verna	Unity Meridian
Lavender, Sheila	Saskatoon: McClure	Marks; Tannis	Regina: Westminster

REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

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**Minutes of Living Skies Regional Council Meeting
VIA ZOOM
June 4-5, 2021**

SESSION 1: Friday June 4, 7:00 pm

- OPENING** Tricia Gerhard, Chairperson for the Regional Council Executive, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, saying that she was glad they had chosen to spend this time together to do the work of the church. She explained that Rob Reed, Convenor for the Annual Meeting, was not able to be present due to pastoral concerns, and she asked that he and his Community of Faith be held in prayer.
- INTRODUCTIONS** Tricia introduced Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister; Jamie McKay, Regional Executive Assistant and Annual Meeting Recording Secretary; Kent Mohn, Youth and Young Adult Minister; Bev Diebert, Administrative Support; Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister; Madeleine McLuhan-Myers, Archivist; Heather Dootoff, Finance Administrator; Julie Graham, Minister: Justice and Communications; Darrell Reine, Rob Reed, Hoeun Lee, and Bonnie Morton, Regional Gathering Planning Committee Members; Alan Hall, Executive Officer, Ministry and Employment and General Council Guest; Karen Medland, Office of Vocation Minister; Charlene Burns, Community Capacity Development Coordinator (Western Canada), Indigenous Ministries Circle; and Vicki Nelson, Stewardship Animator (Western Canada).
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY TERRITORY** Tricia stated the Land Acknowledgement with these words, "We come together this evening from many places across Living Skies Regional Council, places that are on the traditional territories and treaty lands of strong and diverse First Nations and the homeland of the Metis peoples. As we gather, let us respect and honor these traditional lands. Let us pray that as we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, we will be motivated to faithfully move forward in partnerships with our Indigenous siblings and the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. We are all Treaty People."
- OPENING WORSHIP** The Rev. Hoeun Lee introduced the Opening Worship. The recorded service can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhxXEqnUrIE>.
- PROCEDURAL/ ENABLING MOTIONS 001-2021** That Living Skies Regional Council accept the following Enabling Motions #1-12 for this Regional Council meeting:

- 1. Roll of Regional Council:** that the Roll of the Regional Council for the purposes of the Third (3rd) Annual Regional Council meeting be:
 - i. the members of the Order of Ministry within the bounds served by the regional council; and
 - ii. other ministry personnel in a covenantal relationship with a community of faith within the bounds of the regional council
 - iii. lay members of the regional council are members of the United Church who are not ministry personnel and who are elected by communities of faith. (The Manual 2021, C.1.1 & C.1.2)
 - iv. members-at-large, lay members within the Regional Council who have been appointed members as necessary for the work of the Regional Council by the Regional Council Executive and who have not been elected by their community of faith.
- 2. Corresponding Members:** that all invited guests, registered visitors, and staff be corresponding members of this Regional Council meeting, with voice but not vote.
- 3. The Bounds of the Council:** that the Bounds of the Regional Council meeting be the virtual meeting room and the telephone connections to that meeting space.
- 4. Minimum Number of Members at Meetings:** that the Regional Council may meet only if a minimum number of members is present. If there are 60 or more members, at least 20 members must be present; and there must be at least one ministry personnel and one lay member who is not ministry personnel present. Corresponding members are not counted for this purpose. (The Manual 2021; C.4.3)
- 5. Limits to Debate:** that without the permission of the Council, no member shall speak more than once on any proposal or amendment; and that speeches be limited to two minutes per person on each proposal, except at the discretion of the Convenor.
- 6. Agenda Committee:** that the Agenda Committee for this Regional Gathering be the members of the Regional Council Meeting Planning Committee.
- 7. Rules of Debate and Order:** that the rules of debate and order for Parliamentary debate be those spelled out in Appendix of The Manual 2021 (pages 190-194); and that, for any point not covered in such Appendix, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot) shall be followed.
- 8. Proposals to the General Council:** that, if the Regional Council does not agree with a proposal where the General Council is the court of action, it will not be sent on to General Council unless a separate motion to send it on is made and passed.
- 9. General Council Commissioners:** that the Living Skies Regional Council Executive will have the authority to elect additional commissioners to the 44th General Council (2022), if necessary, in order to fulfill the slate of

sixteen (16) Regional Council-elected Commissioners, as set by the General Council.

10. Unfinished Business: that unfinished business be referred to the Living Skies Regional Council Executive.

11. Minutes: that the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting and the 2nd Regional Gathering of the Living Skies Regional Council be approved as distributed in the online docket.

12. Reports: that the verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.

Moved: Shannon McCarthy

Seconded: Darrell Reine

CARRIED

LISTEN: PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS

There were two Proposals to be considered at this Annual Meeting. The full text of the proposals as presented can be viewed at:

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/SecG21.pdf>

PROPOSAL 1

Proposal 1: Living Skies Regional Council Policy on Justice

Originator: the Rev. SunDo Hyun

The Proposal, presented by SunDo Hyun, called for the Regional Council to:

- establish a Justice Committee to promote justice and equity for all people in all aspects of life and work of the Region Council, with terms of reference to be created by the Executive; and
- that the committee develop and adopt policies on justice based on anti-racist and anti-oppressive principles and the voices from Black, Indigenous, and Peoples of Colour, LGBTQTT2S+ peoples, and people with poverty, disability, mental illness, and more; and drawing on past Saskatchewan Conference and present national church justice, equity, and intercultural policies as relevant.

PROPOSAL 2

Proposal 2: Reinstatement of Funding for Spiritual Care throughout the Saskatchewan Health Authority

Originators: Daryl Woods, Chair of North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy; and Randy Graham, Chair of South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy.

The Proposal, introduced by Daryl Woods, called for the Regional Council to:

- issue a formal request to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the provincial Minister of Health, and the Premier of Saskatchewan for the re-instatement of adequate funding and support for Spiritual Care programs in the provincial healthcare budget; and
- encourage Communities of Faith and members/adherents throughout the Living Skies Region to contact their Members of Legislative Assembly with a request to re-instate adequate funding

and support for Spiritual Care programs in the provincial healthcare budget.

DISCUSS

Proposal 1: Responses to Questions for Clarification

- The Justice Committee would be focused on all areas of justice, but grounded in principles of racial justice; it could work with clusters and networks, and would be accountable to the Regional Council.
- The intention is that it be relevant to the Living Skies Regional Council (LSRC), but committee members do not need to be members of the Regional Council. Only members of Commissions must be LSRC members.
- If the Nominations Committee will need to recruit membership, then information about the number and make-up of Justice Committee members, and a clear mandate will help.
- All committees are corresponding members of the Executive, and can attend and communicate with the Executive regularly.
- It is intended to be a committee, or a better structure would be acceptable to the originators.
- The budget would be part of the Committees Budget.
- The Justice Committee would be accountable to the Regional Council in its reporting, and to the Executive between RC meetings for day-to-day operations
- The Executive would have to determine how Right Relations work would fit into the Justice Committee mandate. There are networks already doing right relations work.

Proposal 2: Responses to Questions for Clarification.

- The proposed funding would likely be for hospitals in Regina and Saskatoon, where the chaplaincies are centred, but the Proposal references the provincial budget, and so other hospitals should be included.

At the end of the session, the presenters and the delegates were thanked for their work and their input to the discussion.

BENEDICTION

Tricia Gerhard gave a Benediction and thanked those gathered for sharing their weekend with the church, and the session concluded at 9:14 p.m.

SESSION 2: Saturday June 5, 9:30 am

OPENING

Tricia Gerhard, Chairperson for the Regional Council Executive, welcomed the participants.

MORNING WORSHIP The morning Worship was led by Lorna King and Emily Carr, the South and North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplains, respectively.

REPORTS

Regional Gathering Planning Committee Convenor Darrell Reine. Regional Gathering Planning Committee Convenor, chaired the meeting while Tricia Gerhard, Regional Council Executive Chairperson, gave her report.

Tricia referred the delegates to her written report in the docket for the meeting: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SecB21.pdf>

Recent Executive action included a letter that was sent to the

Saskatchewan Provincial Government asking for a ban against conversion therapy in Saskatchewan, with no response as yet. Communities of Faith are encouraged to join the discussions, noting that conversions are still happening in Regina and Saskatoon. An invitation will be coming to Communities of Faith encouraging them to send letters to the provincial government as well.

As follow-up to the last Annual Meeting, the Regional Council is discontinuing assessments for additional Community Ministry funding. A universal Community Ministries Fund has been created to distribute funding equitably to the Community Ministries. The fund will be administered by the Grants Committee. Information about donating to the fund is posted on the Regional Council website, and will be distributed in the *Rambler* newsletter.

More information will be circulated about the work of the Community Ministries, and the delegates were encouraged to share it widely.

Discussion: the impact on Community of Faith assessments is still being worked out with Erik Mathiesen; Indigenous Ministries funding is self-governed by the General Council Indigenous Ministries and Justice unit, and comes from Mission and Service; It is frustrating to see this separation between community and Indigenous ministries; Communities of Faith are asked to contribute a portion of proceeds all property sales to the Indigenous Ministries and Justice funding system; Indigenous Ministries and Justice is looking at setting up an Indigenous Regional Council.

Tricia Gerhard resumed chairing the meeting, and thanked Darrell Reine for chairing during her report.

Executive Minister Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister, began her report by saying how good it was to see everyone, and that she was looking forward to travelling to Saskatchewan again soon.

Shannon thanked Tricia and the Executive for their work over the past year. In spite of meeting via Zoom, which is exhausting, thoughtful and careful consideration was given to all of their work.

The volunteers and ministry personnel, particularly the Nominations Committee, were thanked for carrying out their extremely difficult work during this transition. Former Conference and Presbytery volunteers were encouraged to come back for justice, affirming, and all kinds of Regional Council work that needs their gifts and skills.

Shannon expressed appreciation for the work of the staff: for doing an incredible job at this time, and reaching out to help people in new and different ways: Tracy Murton, Pastoral Relations Minister; Bev Diebert, Administrative Support; Madeleine McLuhan-Myers, Archivist; Kent Mohn, Youth and Young Adult Minister; Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator; Julie Graham, Regional Minister: Justice and Communication; Vicki Nelson, Stewardship Animator for Western Canada and Jamie Mckay, Regional Executive Assistant.

The delegates were referred to Shannon's written report in the docket:

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/SecB21.pdf>

Shannon also referred the delegates to the United Church Website, to view how the General Council has responded to the finding of 215 unmarked graves in Kamloops, BC, including responses and prayers from Moderator, Richard Bott, and Murray Pruden, Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice: <https://united-church.ca/news/kamloops-residential-school-time-mourning-and-support>.

Tricia thanked Shannon for her report and for all of her work over the past year.

Discussion: the rural church is struggling, not caused, but exacerbated by COVID; the General Council is aware of this. Congregations are closing; a large number of churches are without the services of ministry personnel; urbanization is also a factor; Communities of Faith are being supported, especially the Lay Leaders; St. Andrew's College is separately incorporated, and the Regional Council doesn't have authority over their decisions; the Association of Theological Schools approves programming for graduates that are to be ordained.

General Council

Alan Hall, General Council Executive Minister for Ministry and Employment, began his report by thanking the Regional Council for the invitation and opportunity to be part of this meeting, and for the references to the recent discovery of the 215 unmarked graves of children at the Kamloops Residential School. This shocking and incomprehensible news provides a reminder that we have much to explore and reflect on in our history, and that we have much to do for reconciliation.

Appreciation was expressed for Murray Pruden, new Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice, and change that will effect steps towards right relations.

Alan asked for prayers for the new General Secretary, Michael Blair, as he responds to so many issues facing the church at this time.

The 44th General Council (2022) will be a virtual meeting, in three sessions: listening in February, discussion in the spring, and decision-making in the summer session.

The development of a strategic plan for The United Church of Canada is moving forward with input from town halls and consultations. The results will be reported to the General Council Executive in the fall, and then to the 44th General Council in 2022. The plan will address the question: What does the church need to do today to be relevant, and meaningful, effective and faithful 10 years from now? Comments can be sent to planning@united-church.ca.

A report to the GC Executive is being drafted with recommendations about rural churches, and practices to support those without ministry leadership. The Office of Vocation is only in its second year, and continues to learn and revise its processes and make improvements to ChurchHub.

Alan encouraged the delegates to support Japhet Ndhlovu, the new Executive Minister for Church in Mission, and expressed appreciation for the academic leadership of John Young, soon to be retiring from the position of Executive Minister for Theological Leadership.

Appreciation was also expressed for the staff, and those in Pastoral Charge leadership, both vocational and lay, for learning new skills and ways to connect during the COVID pandemic. Alan acknowledged that technology is not always available in rural areas, and told the story of one Community of Faith that is distributing weekly rural mail box sermons.

Alan asked that any updates in the work around reviewing the Designated Lay Ministry, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Sacramental Elders practices be communicated to him.

At its conclusion, Alan Hall was thanked for his report.

Stewardship

Vicki Nelson, Stewardship Animator for Western Canada, was introduced. Vicki invited the delegates to consider these questions. What is your Community of Faith's mission? What inspires you to stay involved with your Community of Faith? What inspires new folks when they find you? If

money was not object and you had unlimited time to devote to it, what do you dream for your Community of Faith?

Vicki introduced *Called to be the Church: the Journey*, a program for Communities of Faith to intentionally focus on and plan for stewardship. The program is being planned for August, and delegates were invited to contact Vicki directly: ynelson@united-church.ca.

Further questions were considered. When do you ask members of your Community of Faith to give? When was the last time generosity was spoken about as a spiritual practice? How are folks, curious about your Community of Faith, invited in, welcomed and engaged? How do you practice gratitude in our own life? How is generosity within your Community of Faith lifted up and celebrated? How do you feel when you are appropriately seen, acknowledged and thanked? In what ways do you pay that forward?

Vicki reminded the delegates to use *Generosity Matters* and *Minutes for Mission* stories and resources, and that, "living a life full of gratitude takes practice and daily effort, but it is so worth it!"

The Mission and Service video, *Thank you for your Generosity!* was shown. It can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXI6tqlw52w>.

Lydia Gruchy Anniversary

Sandra Beardsall, Professor of Church History and Ecumenics at St. Andrew's College, shared some of her research on Lydia Gruchy, whose 85th Anniversary of Ordination would be celebrated in November, 2021. Lydia Gruchy was the first woman ordained in The United Church of Canada, and in the whole of Canada.

Sandra reflected on Lydia's life, and what it means for the church today. Further details about Lydia Gruchy's life can be found in her biography, *With Love, Lydia: The Story of Canada's First Woman Ordained Minister*, by Patricia Wotton.

Sandra concluded by leading the delegates in reciting a paraphrase of Psalm 122:

I was glad when they said to me: let us go to the house of God.
And now our feet are standing within your gates, the gates of a city
bound firmly together.

The people go up, to give thanks to God: there stand the pillars of
justice and peace.

For the sake of my siblings, of my friends, I say: "Peace be with you,
city of God!

And I will seek your good, O city. I will seek your Good". Amen.

Tricia Gerhard thanked Sandra Beardsall for her presentation, and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement later in 2021.

Finance

Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator, began by bringing greetings from Donna Brown, Regional Council Treasurer, who was unable to be present. Heather reported that 2019, as a year of transition, and 2020, with the impact of COVID-19, were not normal spending years, and that 2021 is raising questions about what might be the new normal.

Delegates were referred to the [2020 Financial Statements](#), posted on the Regional Council web site, which show that the operating revenue was over-budget, while expenses were less than budgeted, leaving a net surplus.

Heather reported that virtual meetings were being held between *Edge* and Mission Support-receiving Ministries to find ways to strengthen their funding capacity in the face of diminishing Mission and Service funds.

Delegates were invited to visit <https://livingskiesrc.ca/resources/funding/> to find out about available funding and resources.

Heather concluded her report with a reminder that Community of Faith statistics need to be submitted through ChurchHub.

Nominations

Susan Reed, Nominations Committee Convenor, referred the delegates to the [full report](#) in the meeting docket.

Susan offered a word of thanks to those who said “yes” to taking on new roles; to those who considered the possibility even if the answer was “no”; and to all those who have given of their time, energy, gifts and wisdom to the Regional Council.

She advised that the primary role of the Nominations Committee is to fill vacancies, and that currently there were fourteen vacancies; plus members needed for any new committees; plus Pastoral Relations Liaisons.

Information about all of these opportunities is posted on the Regional Council web site: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/governance-admin/nominations/>.

There are two processes for nominations: to ask people directly, and to seek submissions through the [Expression of Interest](#) form. At present, only self-nomination is available, so delegates were encouraged to talk to others about the opportunities, referring them to the Expression of Interest form or to contact the Nominations Committee for more information:

lsrcnominations@gmail.com.

Susan concluded her report by advising that there were three vacancies on the Nominations Committee, and invited the delegates to consider joining this fun group, which would be more effective with six members rather than the current three.

Commissioners to the 44th General Council

Susan Reed outlined the process of the Nominations Committee, including considerations of General Council and Regional Council Executive mandated parameters, balances for diversity, living into being intercultural, and including all kinds of people.

It was reported that the Nominations Committee was responsible to produce a slate of nominees for 17 General Council Commissioners and 5-6 Alternate Commissioners, to include:

- 1 Commissioner who is ex-officio, the Chairperson of the Regional Council;
- 1 Youth Commissioner to be chosen by the Youth and Young Adult Community (YAYAC); and
- 15 Commissioners selected from the applications submitted to the Nominations Committee; and

Biographies of the nominees for GC Commissioners were not available publicly, but the delegates were assured that the Nominations Committee was very careful in its work to produce the following slate:

- Tricia Gerhard (Ex-Officio), Ordained Minister, Regina
- Youth Commissioner, yet to be named
- Bob Hayes, Layperson, Prince Albert
- Vicki Nelson, Layperson, Regina
- Bill Pollock, Layperson, Saskatoon
- Jeri-Lee Jones, Designated Lay Ministry Student Estevan
- Michelle Rowe, Ordained Minister, Maple Creek
- Beth Johnston, Ordained Minister, Nipawin
- Owen Wright, Layperson, Saskatoon
- Allan Gairns, Diaconal Minister, Rosetown
- SunDo Hyun, Ordained Minister, Meadow Lake
- Frances Kitson, Candidate, Lanigan
- Emily Carr, Ordained Minister in Adm. Process, Saskatoon
- Trina Hodgson, Layperson, Regina;
- Yvonne Terry, Designated Lay Minister Retired, Regina; and
- Jen Dresser, Diaconal Minister, Yorkton.

The Delegates were advised that information would be circulated about the nominations process to find one additional Commissioner, and 5-6 Alternate Commissioners, using the Expressions of Interest form (link above).

It was moved by Susan Reed and seconded by Jeanette Warriar that the above slate of Commissioners be approved by the Living Skies Regional Council. The motion was carried.

The Nominations Committee was thanked for its very important work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darrell Reine provided information about UCRD's Great Clearance Sale and upcoming opportunities on Zoom.

Delegates were reminded that Westminster United Church, Humboldt, had shared a Sunday service for June 6 (or another time):

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

Fundraising for Mission and Service: donations for M & S were invited by e-transfer to livingskies@united-church.ca. The goals are \$3,000 to allow Sandra Beardsall to retire, and \$5,000 so that Daryl Woods might retire in 2022.

It was reported that Westminster United Church, Regina, had donated to the Healing Fund in memory of the children who had died in residential schools.

Charlene Burns, Community Capacity Development Coordinator for Western Canada, Indigenous Ministries and Justice, gave her regrets for the remainder of the meeting.

LUNCH BREAK Tricia Gerhard dismissed the delegates for a lunch break at 11:47 a.m.

SESSION 3: Saturday June 5, 1:30 pm

OPENING Tricia Gerhard, Chairperson for the Regional Council Executive, welcomed the delegates back for the final session of the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Living Skies Regional Council.
The full revised text of both Proposals can be viewed [here](#).

DECIDE: The two proposals introduced on Friday evening were discussed in preparation for decisions.
Darrell Reine, Chairperson for the Regional Gathering Planning Committee, introduced the Proposals and reported on the feedback received overnight and any revisions that were made.

**PROPOSAL 1:
002-2021**

That Living Skies Regional Council establish a Justice & Equity Committee to promote justice and equity for all people in all aspects of life and work of the Region Council, with the size of the committee and terms of reference to be created by the Executive. Terms of reference will include but not be limited to:

- **That the Justice & Equity committee be able to ask for the creation task groups as needed to focus on particular justice issues (eg. Anti-racism)**
- **That there be a focus on education and resources for communities of faith**
- **That the committee encourage the formation of relevant networks and clusters**

That the committee develop and recommend policies to the Regional Council Executive on justice based on anti-racist and anti-oppressive principles and the voices from Black, Indigenous, and Peoples of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples, and people with the lived experience of poverty, disability, mental illness, and more; and drawing on past Saskatchewan Conference and present national church justice, equity, and intercultural policies as relevant.

The proposal received general agreement, with the particular focus on racial justice/anti-racism. The need for a committee was outlined: a place

where clusters and networks can connect, and a body to foster the development of clusters and networks around specific focus areas in order to propose justice and equity policies for the Regional Council.

Moved: Darrell Reine

Seconded: Hoeun Lee.

CARRIED

**PROPOSAL 2:
003-2021**

That Living Skies Regional Council issue a formal request to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the provincial Minister of Health, and Premier of Saskatchewan for the re-instatement of funding and support for Spiritual Care programs in the provincial healthcare budget; and, That Living Skies Regional Council encourage Communities of Faith and members/adherents throughout Living Skies Regional Council to contact their Members of Legislative Assembly with a request to re-instate funding and support for Spiritual Care programs in the provincial healthcare budget.

The Proposal received general agreement. Suggestions included the need for funding for all people of Saskatchewan and not just in Saskatoon and Regina. This proposal speaks to provincial funding for all people of all faiths. The Executive will work with the originators to prepare a brief that goes to the government. Adjusting the Proposal to make it an ecumenical/interfaith request would change the intent of the originators, however, the Executive can explore that further in consultation with the Chaplaincy Boards. All of the feedback will be provided to the Executive as they create the brief and prepare the package to help Communities of Faith respond to the Proposal.

Discussion: the brief will also be presented to the opposition; health determinants outline social determinants, including spiritual care, so this may be future work for a Justice Committee if the province doesn't have funding, and it is larger than a chaplaincy issue; contact with other denominations and ecumenical partners doing the same work is under purview of Executive follow-through; a sample letter will be part of the information for Communities of Faith; Chaplaincies are working with *Edge* to help chaplaincies create sustainable funding, and they can apply for Mission Support funding; it needs to be clear that this is about broad spiritual care; support is also needed for chaplains and leaders from all faith communities; denominational chaplains vs. spiritual care for all with a spirit was explained.

Moved: Hoeun Lee.

Seconded: Darrell Reine

CARRIED

GREETINGS

A video greeting from St. Andrew's College was presented:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9ce4ttPrFw>

A video greeting from United Church Moderator, Richard Bott, was shared:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vMq2f4kO-o>

**ANTI-RACISM
LEARNING TIME**

Darrell Reine began this time for learning by saying, "I am a racist", and reminding the delegates that there is lots of work ahead for us to do. An example that makes this clear is the continued struggle of the Board of Vocation to find diversity for the Board and its Committees.

A video presentation from Michael Blair was shown, with his reflection on the importance of racial justice work for the Christian community. The Table has become a central symbol of the Christian tradition. Some only allow those who fit certain criteria to join. In the United Church, we affirm that the table is open to all, invited by the Lord who invites all people, as a symbol of community and hospitality. The open table is an opportunity to explore our understanding of justice and inclusion. Attending to who is at the table, who is missing, who cannot participate, and how we justify the make-up of the table, invites us to ask questions about our blinders. This is where the conversation about race becomes significant. We need to question where we are blinded and what assumptions we are making. This is critical to our fundamental understanding of an open table and our identity of being a just and inclusive church.

Time was given for personal reflection on these questions:

- Who is present at the Table of Racial Justice?
- Who is missing?
- Why are some present, and some missing?

In plenary, the delegates considered these questions:

- How would you engage these questions in you Community of Faith or ministry setting?
- What resources have been helpful to you? This discussion is just the tip, need to encourage one another to work towards right relationship with one another.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Tricia Gerhard led a prayer for re-centring.

Deb Anderson-Pratt offered a Woman's Warrior Song that was written to give strength to face difficult times. Thank you Deb!

**HONOURING NEW
MINISTERS AND
THOSE RETIRING**

A video, with submitted material, was presented to honour the Retirees and New Ministers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHX0S-fah_g

- Jonathan Worrall, Ordinand
- Emily Carr, Admittand

**FROM ACTIVE
MINISTRY**

- Brian Maitland, Retiree
- Mathias Ross, Retiree
- Mark Wartman, Retiree

Ron McConnell, Retiree
Yvonne Terry, Retiree

Tricia Gerhard invited delegates to celebrate all that we have been blessed with, and to hold each of them in their hearts, and honour them in worship. Darrell Reine offered final reminders of the announcements. After a deep breath, the delegates prepared themselves for the closing worship.

CLOSING WORSHIP

The Closing Worship was led by Jen Dresser and Shelly Manley-Tannis, with readings from Isaiah, Chapter 5.

Time was spent in acknowledgement of the loss of Communities of Faith that had closed since the last Regional Council meeting. These losses were acknowledged and their connections were remembered, as they were held in prayer.

Communities of Faith remembered:

- Brithdir Congregation of the Humboldt Pastoral Charge
- Borden Pastoral Charge
- Fillmore: Grace United Church Congregation of the Prairie Points Pastoral Charge
- Gravelbourg: St. Stephen's Congregation of the Gravelbourg Pastoral Charge
- Manor: Knox United Pastoral Charge (SM)
- Nokomis Congregation of the Lanigan, Nokomis Pastoral Charge
- Redvers: Knox United/Lutheran Pastoral Charge (SM)

The lives of the people who had died since the last Regional Council meeting were honoured and remembered, and celebrated for their faithful service and witness:

- Ronald Murray Evans;
- Allan Shaw;
- Marylynn Florence Dumont;
- Earl Grigg;
- Ivan Glen Fulford;
- Charles (Chuck) Robert Alton.

Eric Pullam;
Alma Pockrandt;
Betty Powell;
Patricia Joan Farquharson;
John (Jack) Millar; and

Time was given to experience the medicine of the earth, through a video of sounds and photography shared by people throughout Living Skies Regional Council.

Members of the Regional Council Executive and the Committee on Community of Faith Support led time of covenanting with these Communities of Faith:

- Bridging Waters Pastoral Charge;
- KeLRose Pastoral Charge;

Four Town Pastoral Charge;
Norquay Pastoral Charge;

- Rocanville United Pastoral Charge;
 - Crossroads United Pastoral Charge; Charge;
 - Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's United Church; Pastoral Charge;
 - Regina: Eastside United Church; Church;
 - Southey Pastoral Charge; Church;
 - Wolseley: St. James Pastoral Charge;
 - Coteau Hills Pastoral Charge; Pastoral Charge;
 - Outlook: St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge;
 - Big River Pastoral Charge; United Church;
 - Northern Lakes Pastoral Charge; Pastoral Charge;
 - Davidson-Girvin Pastoral Charge; Church;
 - Dundurn-Hanley Pastoral Charge;
 - Quill Plains Pastoral Charge; Church;
 - Saskatoon: St. David's Trinity United Church; Church; and
 - Saskatoon: St. Martin's United Church.
- Star City Pastoral Charge;
 - Lafleche-Limerick Pastoral
 - Ogema, Bengough, Pangman
 - Regina: Wesley United
 - Swift Current: First United
 - Biggar Pastoral Charge;
 - Meadow Lake: Grace
 - Rosetown Pastoral Charge;
 - Prince Albert: Calvary
 - Kinistino: St. Andrew's
 - Delisle-Vanscoy United
 - Humboldt Pastoral Charge;
 - Saskatoon: Mayfair United
 - Saskatoon: St. Paul's United

COURTESIES

Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister, offered words of thanks to Tricia Gerhard for stepping in to chair this meeting in the absence of Convenor, Rob Reed

Shannon also expressed appreciation to the many people who made this meeting possible, including: Rob Reed, Darrell, Reine, Hoeun Lee, Bonnie Morton, and Shannon McCarthy, Planning Committee; Hoeun Lee, video creation; Don Kindopp, screen sharing; Emily Carr, Jen Dresser, Lorna King, Shelly Manley-Tannis, Worship leaders; Alan Hall, General Council Representative; Bev Diebert, Heather Dootoff, Julie Graham, Kathy Jackson, Shannon McCarthy, Jamie McKay, Kent Mohn, Tracy Murton, tech and communications team (Gremlins); and the group from Westminster United Church, partnered with St. Andrew's Anglican Church, both in Humboldt, and Quill Plains United Church Pastoral Charge in Watson and Quill Lake, for the June 6 Sunday Service: God's Family of Faith - A recipe for Unity, including, Matteo Carboni, Phyllis Arnst, Andrew Cebryk, Maureen Whalley, Carol Gossner, Deborah Bryson, Elan Buan, Ruth Mostowy, Roxanne Bagnall, Elsa Hancock, Chris Hancock, Yoonjin Park Bott, Tyler Skogen, Doug Berger, Allison Sarauer, April Pauli, Cindy Goodman, Brenda Curtis and Sarah Miller (Video Editor).

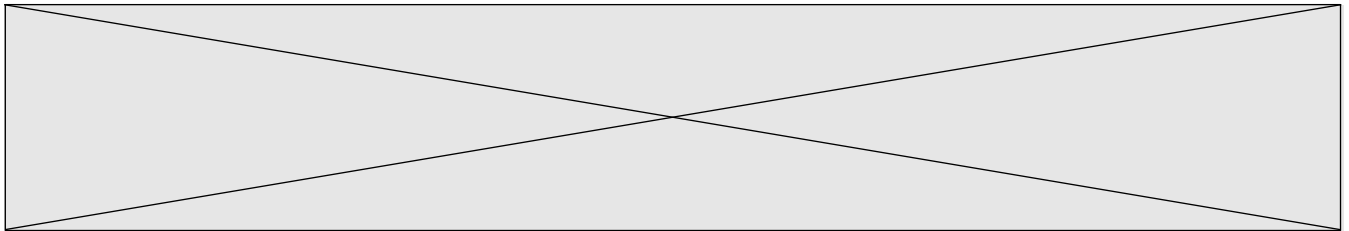
Thanks were expressed to all delegates and visitors for coming to yet another Zoom meeting, and for faithful and enduring ministry over the past year, and possible thanks to all who contributed the “terrible” prior to the beginning of the sessions.

A fervent “Here’s to cookies next year in person!” concluded the expressions of appreciation.

ADJOURNAMENT

Tricia expressed gratitude to all 170 people who participated in the meeting, and provided the words of sending forth and blessing. Tricia Gerhard, at 4:05 p.m., declared the 3rd Annual Meeting of Living Skies Regional Council to be adjourned until the next gathering of Living Skies Regional Council.

SIGNATURES



PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMISSION
Living Skies Regional Council
Report 2020 - 2021

LEGEND: * = part time + = indicates <i>change</i> in Call/Appointment	
<u>Ministry Abbreviations used in this report:</u>	Dates: Listed as <u>month/day/year</u>
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

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
La Ronge	Janae Brownley (OM)	12/07/20
Norquay	Margaret McCallum (OM)	09/01/20*+
Regina Native Outreach Ministry	Deb Anderson-Pratt (OM)	07/01/20*
Rocanville	Barbara Wilkins (OM)	05/01/21*+
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	Mitchell Anderson (OM)	08/01/20
Tisdale	Hoeun Lee (OM)	07/01/20

COMPLETED APPOINTMENTS

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Battleford	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Borden	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Crossroads United	Roy Bortolotto (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/23
Davidson	Ursula Wiig (OM/RS)	02/01/21-06/30/21*
Elrose	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Esterhazy: St. Andrew's	Young Jin Park (CS)	08/01/20-06/30/22*
Eston: St. Andrew's	Barbara MacNaughton (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/23
Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's	Jo Mader (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Four Town	Sarah Giles (CS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	07/01/20-12/31/20*
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM)	01/01/21-12/31/21*
Gull Lake	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Imperial:	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Indian Head: St. Andrew's	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Kyle-Lacadena	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Langham: Knox	Emily Carr (OS)	10/01/20-03/31/22*
Lanigan-Nokomis	Frances Kitson (CS)	01/01/21-01/01/23
North Battleford: Third Avenue	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	09/01/20-08/31/21
Saskatoon: ICM	Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (L)	09/01/20-08/31/22

Community of Faith

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Saskatoon: NSHC	Emily Carr (OS)	10/01/20-06/30/21*
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*
Speers	E. Gayle Wensley (DLM)	07/01/20-06/30/22*
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)	09/01/20-09/30/20*
Strasbourg Pastoral Charge	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	12/01/20-06/30/21*
Wolseley: St. James	Jim Wolff (CS)	07/01/20-06/30/21*

RETIREMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brian Maitland	10/31/2021	Ron McConnell	05/31/2021
Mathias Ross	07/31/2020	Yvonne Terry	09/30/2020
Mark Wartman	06/30/2020		

MINISTRY PERSONNEL LEAVING THE REGION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Going to:</u>
Bruce Kakakaway	10/31/2020	Pacific Mountain
Barb Blois-MacNaughton	04/04/2021	Region 15
James (Jim) MacNaughton	04/04/2021	Region 15
Cindy Bourgeois	01/31/2021	Shining Waters

MINISTRY PERSONNEL COMING INTO THE REGION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Effective</u>	<u>Coming from:</u>
Frances Kitson	01/01/2020	Pacific Mountain

COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN PASTORAL RELATIONS PROCESS¹

<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Date Complete²</u>
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	05/27/20	EunKyu Ji	
Assiniboia	01/18/19	Duane Filson	
Balgonie-McLean	01/18/19	Cam Fraser	
Biggar	01/18/19	Lyall Campbell	
Carlyle	06/30/20	Fran Balls	
Carrot River/Arborfield	02/07/19	Charles McKenzie	
Crossroads	02/13/19	Janice Edwards	
Elrose	12/17/20	Lyall Campbell	
Esterhazy	04/02/20	Mitchell Anderson	08/01/20
Eston	01/21/21	Jo-Ann Hills	
Foam Lake, Leslie	03/05/20	Marvin Mackie	
Grenfell/Kipling	04/01/21	Beth Johnston	
Kamsack	04/02/20	Brian Mee	
KeLRose	01/18/19	Brian Mee	

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>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Date Complete</u> ³
Kyle-Lacadena	12/17/20	Lyall Campbell	
Langham	03/05/20	Beth Johnston	10/01/20
Lanigan, Nokomis	05/07/20	Marvin Mackie	01/07/21
La Ronge	01/18/19	Dave Whalley	12/07/20
Loreburn, Hawarden	02/06/20	Michelle Rowe	
Maidstone-Paynton	06/30/20	Dale Worrall	
Melfort	01/18/19	Dave Whalley	
Northern Lakes	01/18/19	Louise Robson	
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	01/01/19	Shirley Crone	
Outlook	04/01/21	Dale Worrall	
Pine Cree	02/13/19	Michele Rowe	
Prairie Points	05/07/20	Darrell Reine	
Prairie Spirit	01/01/19	Denise Sweet	
Regina: Lakeview	12/03/20	June Blau	
Regina: St. James	12/03/20	June Blau	
Regina: Wesley	05/02/19	Darrel Reine	
Rocanville	02/04/21	Roy Bortolotto	05/01/21
Saskatoon: ICM	09/05/19	Lyall Campbell	09/01/20
Saskatoon: Knox	12/17/20	Beth Johnston	
Saskatoon: NSHC	04/02/20	Debra Berg	10/01/20
Saskatoon: St. Paul's	05/22/20	Dale Worrall	08/01/20
Shell Lake Partners in Worship	05/22/20	Bob Hayes	09/01/20
Spiritwood Partners in Faith	05/22/20	Bob Hayes	09/01/20
Star City	02/07/19	Jeanette Stevenson	
Stoughton	04/02/20	Darrelle Reine	
Strasbourg	11/07/19	June Blau	12/01/20
St. Paul's International	06/06/19	Susan Reed	

PASTORAL CHARGE SUMMARY

<u>Community of Faith</u>	<u>Ministry Personnel</u> ⁴	<u>Call start/Appt end</u> ⁵
Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve	<i>(Ken Schrag – May 27/20)</i>	
Alameda	Jacqueline Van't Voort (DM) Kathy Kyle (OM)	Call - 07/01/18* <i>Ended - 08/31/20</i>
Arcola-Kisby	Koshy David (OM) <i>(Anita Warriner – Sept 3/20)</i>	<i>Ended - 09/30/20</i>
Assiniboia	<i>(Duane Filson – Mar 7/19)</i>	
Avonlea-Blue Hill	<i>(Yvonne Terry – Nov 7/19)</i>	
Balcarres: St. Andrew's	<i>(Rick McCorrister - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Balgonie-McLean	<i>(Cam Fraser – Jan 18/19)</i>	

³ Date call or appointment begins.

⁴ Pastoral Charge Supervisor in italics, if applicable

⁵ Data accurate to May 14, 2021

Community of Faith

Ministry Personnel⁶

Call start/Appt end⁷

Battleford	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Beechy	<i>(Diane Schmidt - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Biggar	<i>(Piotr Strzelecki - Jan 27/20)</i>	
Big River	Dave Whalley (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Borden	<i>(Gayle Wensley (DLM)</i>	Ended - 04/30/21 <i>Closing</i>
Borderlands	<i>(Duane Filson - May2/19)</i>	
Bradwell	<i>(Donna Wilson - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Bridging Waters	Beth W. Johnston (OM)	Call - 05/01/19
Broadview	<i>(Barbara Wilkins - May 6/21)</i>	
Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant	<i>(Salesi Takau - June 20/19)</i>	
Canora: St. Andrew's	<i>(Jen Dresser - May 27/20)</i>	
Carlyle	<i>(Sharon Hubbard - June 30/20)</i>	
Carnduff Alida	Susan Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
Carrot River/Arborfield	<i>(Nancy Steinbachs - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Carry the Kettle (Hurricane Hills)	Bernice Saulteaux	Call - 07/01/18
Clavet	<i>(Bonita Chad - May 27/20)</i>	<i>Closing</i>
Climax	Connie Sykes (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Colleston, Steep Creek	<i>(Nora Vedress - June 20/19)</i>	
Colonsay	<i>(Jan Clarke - Nov 5/20)</i>	
Cote	Eugene Blacksioux (OM)	
Coteau Hills	<i>(Allan Gairns - May 7/20)</i>	
Craik		
Crossroads	<i>(Cindy Goodman - June 25/19)</i>	
Crossroads United	Roy Bortolotto (DLM)	Appt - 07/01/23
Crystal Springs	<i>(Valerie Barnes-Connell - Sept 3/20)</i>	
Cut Knife	YongSeok Baek (OM)	Call - 06/03/19*
Davidson-Girvin	Ursula Wiig (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Delisle - Vanscoy	Lindsay Mohn (OM)	Call - 07/01/18*
Dundurn, Hanley	Andrew Appledore (OM)	Call - 01/01/16*
Earl Grey	<i>(Bev Diduck - Jan 9/20)</i>	<i>Disbanded - 04/15/21</i>
Eatonia-Mantario	<i>(Barb MacNaughton - Jan 1/19 - Mar 31/21)</i>	
	<i>(Piotr Strzelecki - Apr 1/21)</i>	
Elrose	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS)	<i>Ended - 04/04/21</i>
	<i>(Jan Coffey-Olson - May 6/21)</i>	
Esterhazy (SM)	Young Jin Park (CS)	Appt - 06/30/22*
	<i>(Michele Rowe - June 4/20)</i>	
Eston: St. Andrew's	Barb MacNaughton (DLM)	<i>Ended - 04/04/21</i>
	<i>(Jeannine Cline - May 6/21)</i>	
Five Oaks (SM - Lutheran)	Kragbe Legre (EA)	
Foam Lake, Leslie	<i>(Marvin Mackie - May 2/19)</i>	

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Fort Qu'Appelle: St. A's	Jo Mader (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Four Town (SM)	Sarah Giles (CS) <i>(Lindsay Mohn - June 4/20)</i>	Appt - 06/30/21*
Gainsborough, Carievale	Rob Reed (DM)	Call - 07/01/07
Glenavon	Lynette Callfas (DLM) <i>(Diane Schmidt - Jan 1/19)</i>	Appt - 12/31/21*
Goose Lake	EunKyu Ji (OM)	Call - 07/01/18
Grasslands	<i>(Wendy Gibson- June 20/19)</i>	Closing
Gravelbourg	<i>(Bonnie Morton - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Gray	Hyun Heo (OM)	Ending - 06/30/21*
Grenfell	Ken Schrag (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Gull Lake	Brad Wudrich (OM)	Call - 07/01/19
Hudson Bay	Brenda Curtis (DM)	Call - 07/01/04
Humboldt	Ray Purdie (OM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Imperial	John Sellwood (DLM/RS) <i>(Lorna King - Sept 3/20)</i>	Ended - 11/30/20
Indian Head	<i>(Brian Mee - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Ituna	<i>(Marg Janick-Grayston - Sept 3/20- Apr 30/21)</i>	
Kamsack	<i>(Tom Carnahan - May 14/21)</i>	
Kelliher	<i>(Brian Mee - June 20/19)</i>	
KeLRose	<i>(Sheila Ivanochko-Feb7/19)</i>	
Kennedy	<i>(Roy Bortolotto- Nov 7/19)</i>	
Kerrobert	<i>(SunDo Hyun - June 4/20)</i>	
Kindersley	Piotr Strzelecki (OM)	Call - 07/01/16
Kinistino	<i>(Charles McKenzie - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Kipling	Hyun Heo (OM) <i>(Roy Bortolotto - Feb 11/20 - Sept 26/20)</i>	Ending - 06/30/21
Kyle, Lacadena	Jim MacNaughton (DLM/RS) <i>(Jan Coffey-Olson - May 6/21)</i>	Ended - 04/04/21
La Ronge	Janae Brownley (OM) <i>(Dave Whalley - June 20/19- Dec 6/20)</i>	Call - 12/07/20
Lafleche-Limerick	Janelle Shaw (OM)	Call - 02/18/18
Landis	<i>(Gary Johnson- Nov 7/19)</i>	
Langham: Knox	Emily Carr (OS) <i>(Joan Brown - May 21/20)</i>	Appt - 03/31/22*
Lanigan, Nokomis	Frances Kitson (CS) <i>(Ursula Wiig - May 21/20)</i>	Appt - 12/31/22
Lashburn	<i>(Pat Ribey - Jan 16/20)</i>	Closing
Leader, Sceptre	<i>(Andrew Hecker - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Lemberg, Abernethy	<i>(Mary Anne Grand - Jan 1/19)</i>	

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Little Cutarm	<i>(Susan Griffith - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Long Lake	<i>(Dwaine Dornan - Jan 30/19)</i>	
Loreburn, Hawarden	<i>(Ron McConnell - Nov 7/19)</i>	
Lumsden	Marjorie Kent (OM)	Call - 06/01/09
Luseland	<i>(Dale Worrall - Nov 5/20)</i>	
Maidstone, Paynton	<i>(Dexter van Dyke - Nov 26/19)</i>	
Manor	<i>(Rob Reed - August 10/20)</i>	Disbanded - 05/14/21
Maple Creek	Michele Rowe (OM)	Call - 07/01/18
Marsden, Neilberg	Lorna Brick (OM)	Call - 01/01/17*
Maymont	<i>(Gayle Wensley - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Meadow Lake	SunDo Hyun (OM)	Call - 07/01/19
Melfort-Ethelton	<i>(Dave Whalley - June 4/20)</i>	
Melville: First	Brian Mee (OM)	Appt - 06/30/21*
Moose Jaw: Minto	Linda Tomlinson-Seebach (OM)	Call - 01/01/16
Moose Jaw: St. Andrew's	Jim Tenford (OM)	Call - 01/01/19+ (05/01/13*)
Moose Jaw: Trinity	<i>(Linda Tomlinson-Seebach - June 20/19)</i>	
Moose Jaw: Zion	Tim Ellis (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
Moosomin: Bethel	Carolyn E. Woodall (IM)	Appt - 06/30/21
Mortlach	<i>(Darleen Stewart - Nov 7/19)</i>	Disbanded - 02/12/21
Mossbank	<i>(Wendy Gibson - Jan 9/20)</i>	Disbanded - 11/13/20
New Venture	<i>(Linda Stumpf - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Norquay	Margaret McCallum (OM)	Call - (09/01/20+) (07/01/15*)
North Battleford	Dexter van Dyke (OM/RS)	Appt - 08/31/21
N. Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy	Emily Carr (OS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
	<i>(Daryl Woods - June 4/20)</i>	
Northern Lakes	<i>(George / Diane Thurlow - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Ogema, Bengough, Pangman	<i>(Shirley Crone - June 25/19)</i>	
Outlook	Ron McConnell (OM)	Call - 07/01/17
Oxbow-Glen Ewen	Jacqueline Van't Voort (DM)	Call - 07/01/18*
	Kathy Kyle (OM)	Ended - 08/31/20
Pelly	<i>(Velda Dahlin - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Perdue	<i>(Brian Maitland - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Pine Cree	<i>(Connie Sykes - June 20/19)</i>	
Plainsview	<i>(Russell / Brian Mitchell-Walker - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Plenty, Doddsland	<i>(Dale Worrall - Nov 5/20)</i>	
Prairie Points	<i>(Vic Wiebe - May 7/20)</i>	
Prairie Spirit	<i>(Denise Sweet - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Preeceville-Sturgis	Miles Russell (OM)	Call - 07/01/83
Prince Albert: Calvary	Nora Vedress (OM)	Call - 07/01/05
	<i>(Tony Thompson - Jan 8/21 - Mar1/21)</i>	

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Quill Plains	<i>(Brenda Curtis – Jan 1/19)</i>	
Radville (SMES)	Jeri-Lee Jones (CS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
	<i>(Judy Beck – Feb 9/20)</i>	
Redvers United	<i>(Rob Reed - Sept 5/19)</i>	Closing
Regina Anti-Poverty	Peter Gilmer (DLM)	Appt - 12/31/21
	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	Appt - 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)	Call - 08/01/19
Regina: Knox Met	Cameron Fraser (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21
Regina: Lakeview	Sue Breisch (OM)	Ended - 08/31/20
	<i>(Delise Pitman – June 30/20)</i>	
Regina Native Outreach Ministries	Deb Anderson-Pratt (OM)	Call - 07/01/20*
	<i>(Cindy Bourgeois – May 7/20 – Sept 27/20)</i>	
Regina: St. James	Diane Robinson (OM)	Call - 01/01/17*
	Laura Sundberg (OM)	Call - 07/01/13*
Regina: Sunset	Tricia Gerhard (OM)	Call - 01/15/18
Regina: Wesley	Cindy Bourgeois (OM)	Ended - 01/31/21
	<i>(Bryan Tudor – Jan 7/21)</i>	
Regina: Westminster	Darrell Reine (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/21
	<i>(Christa Eidsness – May 6/21)</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)	Call - 09/01/01
Saskatoon: Grosvenor Park	Nobuko Iwai (OM)	Call - 08/15/15
Saskatoon: ICM	Chantalle Morrow-Fesciuc (L)	Appt - 08/31/22
Saskatoon: Knox	Brian Maitland (OM)	Call - 11/01/19*+
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)	Call - 07/01/06
Saskatoon: Mount Royal Emmanuel	Joan Brown (DM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
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	Call - 08/01/20
	<i>(Jordan Cantwell – June 4/20 – July 30/20)</i>	
Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley	Vicki Obedkoff (OM)	Call - 11/01/19*
Saskatoon: Third Ave.	<i>(Brian Maitland – Nov 7/19)</i>	Disbanded - 04/22/21
Shell Lake Partners in Worship (SM)	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call - 09/01/20

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Shellbrook-Leask	Jonathan Worrall (CS) <i>(Bob Hayes – Sept 3/20)</i>	Appt - 05/31/21*
Silton	<i>(Danna Wiebe (Armstrong) - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Smiley	<i>(Jo-Ann Hills- Jan 1/19)</i>	
Soo Line	<i>(Yvonne Terry –Oct 1/20)</i>	Disbanding
Southey	<i>(Leslie Parkin– Nov 7/19)</i>	
South SK Hosp Chaplaincy	Lorna King (DLM/RS)	Appt - 09/16/21*
Speers	Gayle Wensley (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22*
Spirit Hills	<i>(Neil Colmin - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Spirit of Hope	<i>(George Holliday - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Spiritwood Partners in Faith (SM)	Nora Borgeson (OM/RS)	Ended - 09/30/20
	Sarah Urano (EA)	Call - 09/01/20
Springwater	<i>(Carmel Waddington – Jan7/21)</i>	Closing
Spy Hill		
St. Paul’s International	<i>(Vic Wiebe - Sept 15/19)</i>	
Star City	<i>(Carol Beal McKenzie– June 20/19)</i>	
Stoughton	<i>(Mohandas Barnabas – June 4/20)</i>	
Strasbourg	John Sellwood (DLM/RS)	Appt - 06/30/21*
	<i>(Bryan Tudor– Nov 26/19 – Nov 30/21)</i>	
Swift Current: First	Annette Taylor (OM)	Call - 07/01/15
	<i>(Janelle Shaw – May 6/21)</i>	
Tantallon	<i>(Shari Forsythe-Hohm - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Theodore	<i>(Catherine Pace – Oct 3/19)</i>	
Tisdale: St. Paul’s	Hoeun Lee (OM)	Call - 07/01/20
Tomkins (SM: Anglican)	<i>(Carolyn Conarroe - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Turtle River (SM - Anglican)	Kun Kim (OM)	Call - 08/01/11 (07/01/19*+)
	Don Skinner (EA)	
Unity, Meridian (SM)	Gary Johnson (DLM)	Appt - 06/30/22
Wakaw	<i>(Brian Walton - Jan 1/19)</i>	
Wanakapew (File Hills)		
Wapella	<i>(Barbara Wilkins – June 4/20)</i>	
Watrous Young	Jo-Ann Hills (OM)	Call - 01/01/20
Weyburn	Mohandas Barnabas (OM)	Call - 01/01/08
Wilkie, Scott	YongSeok Baek (OM)	Call - 06/03/19*
Wolseley	Jim Wolff (CS)	Appt - 06/30/22*
	<i>(John Sellwood– Oct 3/19)</i>	
Yellow Grass (SM – Lutheran)	<i>(Mohandas Barnabas – Sept 3/20)</i>	
Yorkton: St. Andrew’s	Jennifer Dresser (DM)	Call - 07/01/13
Yorkton: Westview	Deborah Smith (OM)	Call - 09/01/14

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Recognized Current Sacrament Elders

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Expires</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Akins, Eleanor	June 30, 2021	Plainsview
Alexander, Neil	June 30, 2021	Avonlea (Blue Hills-Avonlea)
Beck, Judy	June 30, 2021	Yellow Grass
Bernier, Sue	June 30, 2021	Biggar
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2021	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2021	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Court, Gladys	June 30, 2021	Kinistino
Fowler, Sandra	June 30, 2021	Tugaske (Spirit Hills)
Francis, Jani	June 30, 2021	Indian Head: St. Andrew's
Girard, Sharon	June 30, 2021	Pine Cree
Grand, Mary Anne	June 30, 2021	Raymore (Crossroads)
Halliday, Paulette	June 30, 2021	Luseland
Irving, Carroll	June 30, 2021	Rose Valley (KelRose)
Kirby, Linda	June 30, 2021	Coronach (Borderlands)
Lyster, Patricia	June 30, 2021	Balcarres
Mack, Marjorie	June 30, 2021	Kerrobert
Mackie, Marvin	June 30, 2021	Rose Valley (KelRose)
Morris, Shelly	June 30, 2021	Atwater (Little Cutarm)
Payne, Shirley	June 30, 2021	(KelRose)
Porter, Marion	June 30, 2021	Bethune (Long Lake)
Schmidt, Diane	June 30, 2021	(Prairie Spirit)
Seymour, Bev	June 30, 2021	Harris (Goose Lake)
Sichkaruk, Dianne	June 30, 2021	Theodore
Smith, Marie	June 30, 2021	Eatonia - Mantario
Yost, Carla	June 30, 2021	Rockglen (Borderlands)

Recognized Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Alexander, Neil	December 31, 2021	Avonlea (Avonlea-Blue Hill)
Baerwald, Beth	June 30, 2022	Star City
Bamforth, Emily	December 31, 2023	Eastend (Pine Cree)
Beck, Judy	December 31, 2021	Yellow Grass
Berge, Diane	June 30, 2022	Nipawin (Bridging Waters)
Bjarnason, Rosellen	June 30, 2021	Wynyard (Spirit of Hope)
Cartmell, Karen	December 31, 2021	Regina: Sunset
Challoner, Tricia	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Chuiko, Meredith	June 30, 2023	Loon Lake (Northern Lakes)
Dahlgren, David	June 30, 2021	Moosomin: Bethel
Dahlin, Velda	December 31, 2022	Norquay
Daisley, Rosalie	December 31, 2022	Hudson Bay (Hudson Bay LP)
Deforest, Sheila	December 31, 2022	Hudson Bay (Hudson Bay LP)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Licensed to</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
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	December 31, 2022	Weyburn: Grace
Goodman, Cindy	June 30, 2021	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	June 30, 2021	Arcola: St. Andrew's
Hilderman, Henrietta	December 31, 2022	Govan
Jordison, Cindy	December 31, 2022	Tisdale: St. Paul's
Klassen, Linda	December 31, 2021	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)
Little, Elaine	June 30, 2021	Hazlet (Cabri, Hazlet, Pennant)
Lyster, Patricia	December 31, 2022	Abernethy (Balcarres)
Mackie, Marvin	June 30, 2021	Rose Valley (KeLRose)
Mostowy, Ruth	December 31, 2022	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	December 31, 2022	Beechy
Pulfer, Jim	June 30, 2023	Saskatoon: St. Thomas Wesley
Reilkoff, Gwen	December 31, 2022	Kamsack
Robertson, Laurie	December 31, 2022	Mankota (Grasslands)
Sawchuk, Patti	December 31, 2022	Dundurn (Dundurn, Hanley)
Schmidt, Diane	June 30, 2023	Milden (Prairie Spirit)
Sullivan, Linda	December 31, 2021	Bethune (Long Lake)
Tober, Heather	June 30, 2021	Oxbow (Oxbow Glen Ewen)
Tudor, Bryan	December 31, 2021	Regina: Sunset
Warrian, Jeanette	June 30, 2021	Lanigan (Lanigan, Nokomis)
Watson, Sandra	December 31, 2023	Abbey (Abbey-Lancer-Portreeve)
Worrall, Dale	June 30, 2023	Kindersley: St. Paul's
Yasinowski, Jennifer	December 31, 2022	Fort Qu'Appelle: St. Andrew's
Young, Diane	December 31, 2023	Saskatoon: St. Martin's

BIOGRAPHIES

ORDINAND

JONATHAN WORRALL



I grew up all over small-town Saskatchewan. Each community had two things in common: there was a rink and a United Church. Sadly, I did not take to skating, but my family and I did attend the church. The church remained prevalent in my youth. Some of the smaller towns would only have a Catholic Public School, and as a result, my faith and interaction with the divine was affirmed. Indeed, as my mother reminds me, as a child I would tell her that I wanted to be a priest.

Service was always stressed in my family. As a teenager, I was passionate about history, literature, politics and international relations. Following high school, I enrolled in the University of Saskatchewan, in the Political Studies program, with the hopes that I would be able to serve in some capacity in a governmental organization. Upon graduating there were little opportunities for employment. As a result, I worked a series of odd jobs until I gained meaningful employment with the Saskatoon Public Library, where I worked for a number of years.

My call to ministry was entirely unexpected, but it was a wholly welcome surprise. I was invigorated; I felt like I had a newfound purpose. I enrolled in the MDiv Program at St. Andrew's College, where the amazing faculty provided me with the necessary knowledge and skills to prepare me for ministry. Words cannot convey what the students owe to the talented, passionate, and intelligent professors. My success in ministry is due, in large part, to their tutelage.

Though the journey towards ordination has been challenging, it has also been affirming. Throughout the entirety of my educational process and my student-ministry, I have discovered that ministry is truly my vocation. Ministry is a source of indescribable joy. As a colleague once remarked, "there is no better employer than God."

Praise be to God.

ADMITTAND

EMILY CARR



Growing up on a dairy farm in Eastern Ontario, I was the sort of child who used to play church with my stuffed animals and dolls. When I was around five years old, my family made a move from our United Church, to the Anglican Church, because that year the Anglican Church happened to have a fantastic Sunday School program on the go. My love for worship and the Church never seemed to leave me, and in my 20s, I began the journey towards ministry formation in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and began studying at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. I moved to Saskatoon in the spring of 2009 to work as a youth a family minister at what was then called St. James Anglican Church. Here in Saskatoon, I completed my MDiv. at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, was ordained to the diaconate and later to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. In this beautiful province, I have had the honour of serving a variety of ministries including congregations, university chaplaincy, community outreach in gang prevention, and chaplaincy with incarcerated youth. Currently, I serve on the Board of Directors at The Micah Mission, and am the chaplain at Kilburn Hall Youth Centre. In October of 2020, I began working with the Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy of the Living Skies Region of the United Church and at Knox United Church in Langham. On this admissions journey, I have a sense that I am returning home to the church where I was baptized and first introduced to the faith, but even more meaningful to me, is the opportunity to work with a community of people who are so sincere in their commitment to serve the world that God loves.

RETIREES' BIOGRAPHIES

BRIAN MAITLAND



Growing up on an acreage in a farming community near Edmonton, Alberta, Brian learned early about making do with what was presented to him, and fixing whatever was broken. Those early learnings helped him throughout his several careers, first as Regional 4-H Specialist with the government of Alberta, then as Social Planning Director for the City of Airdrie. The call to ministry came mid-career, and he attended St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon, gaining his M.Div. in 2000.

Settled in Big River and Canwood in north central Saskatchewan, Brian spent ten years with two small town congregations, helping them navigate the parts of their history that saw them both define their vision, set priorities, sell their church buildings, one of them to close, and the other to find its way as a congregation on the move. Lovingly supported by these two communities of faith, Brian enjoyed a wonderful decade of ministry among those fine people.

In 2010 he was called to minister with the people of Knox United Church in downtown Saskatoon, a very different ministry environment. Still, he realized that many of the issues faced by this new congregation were fundamentally the same as his rural charges, and he brought small town sensibility to this congregation's situation. Brian focused on ministry in its community context, and helped the people of Knox look outside their walls to the community around, building connections with partner churches and community agencies. Engaging and progressive spirituality and worship was a dominant thrust for his ministry at Knox, and Brian has grown through a hugely enjoyable second decade of ministry there. His last two years have included an innovative ¾-time shared ministry partnership with another United Church colleague.

RON McCONNELL



Born and raised in Winnipeg, MB, I have remained an unrepentant Blue Bomber football fan for all these many years. Thank you to the members of Rider Nation for their hospitality and *good-natured* ribbing of this stranger from a strange land who has sojourned among you this last while.

My home church was Fort Garry United, in Winnipeg. There, as a youth and young adult, I heard the gospel preached; experienced from others the gift of Christ-like acceptance even as I sometimes struggled with self-acceptance; was invited and given the opportunity to offer leadership in Sunday School, youth ministries, and the occasional worship service; and there I found friends, mentors and role models aplenty in Christian discipleship and service.

I am a graduate of Winnipeg's Vincent Massey Collegiate '74; received a BA from the University of Manitoba '85; and received a Certificate in Ecumenical Studies from the Graduate School of the World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, '83-'84; Then, returning to St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, where I had begun studies in '80, I graduated with an MDiv in '85.

I was fortunate to experience a year-long internship with the people of Knox UC, Roblin, and Tummel UC, in Manitoba. I had fought the call to ordained ministry, for many years. But, despite my resistance, these people were strong and insistent in their critiques and affirmations. Through them and by the

grace of Christ, regarding this persistent call from God and the Church, I came to a place of peace within that I had not known before. I also met and married Michele Kines, of Roblin. This has been a lifelong blessing for me and, hopefully, not a total disaster for her.

Ordained by what was then the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario '85, I was settled on the Gilbert Plains-Ethelbert Pastoral Charge in Manitoba. There I served for four years '85-'89, and learned so much from these saints about church life and community dynamics. The joys and challenges, the ups and downs, both, were a life-changing and ministry-shaping gift. Fond memories remain of those in the youth group, at youth retreats, and in confirmation classes which I lead. Those senior saints also, in their life-long faithfulness, remain still an inspiration to me still.

St. Paul's UC, Souris, and Elgin UC, in Manitoba, then called me to ministry with them. There I served for nine years '89-98, and have never felt more at home. The love, support, faith and caring of the people in these congregations, in other churches of the community and people beyond, was gift and inspiration to both Michele and I. Fortunate, I think, are those who find such congregations and communities where personality and personhood, calling and vocation, needs and abilities meet and match so well.

Michele and I found our next church home with the people of McClure UC in Saskatoon, SK. For 19 years, 1998-2017, we experienced the warmth, nurture, challenges, commitment to outreach, and inspired vision of this Spirit-filled congregation. Also, the gift and challenge of being part of the larger community that includes McClure Church, McClure Place, and Amy McClure House. As a member of a ministry team that changed through the years, I had much to learn, appreciate and grow into. I remember with fondness offering leadership to the monthly Men's Gathering for spiritual nurture, and to the weekly Bible Study where nothing excited me more than light bulbs going on for people as they connected Scripture to their own lives and the life of the world today.

At St. Andrew's UC, Outlook, SK, good, kind and brave people allowed me to fulfill a decades-long dream and personal sense of call; that being to return once more to a rural, small town community and congregation on the prairies. For four years now '17-21, I have been in ministry with these faithful souls. We have experienced the gifts of worship, Sunday School, Messy Church, Bible Study, a Men's Group, pastoral care, and various other faithful initiatives. In these challenging times for the Christian Church, including The United Church of Canada, I'd encourage anyone who feels perhaps called by God to be like Jeremiah, to *buy the field at Anathoth*, to consider if that field for you might also be a rural, small town community and congregation on the prairies. Place your bet on hope foolishly and gladly, and help them to realize that they are of incredible worth to God and to you. Find the place and people that can use you, use your experience, gifts, love, affirmation, encouragement and challenge, and you just might find that it is you who needs them too.

I wish to honour three mentors and role models without whom I cannot conceive of what my life, and of who I as a person and minister would be:

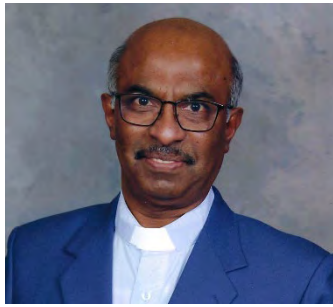
Don Frame, minister of my home church, who spent hours in conversations with me, whose preaching touched my heart and opened my mind, and the imprint of whose hand rested on my head at confirmation and remains with me still.

Ralph Donnelly, former President of St. Andrew's College and teacher of Worship and Preaching, whose friendship was precious, whose love of worship was inspiring, and whose commitment to and valuing of rural, small town communities and ministry was catching.

Glenna Beauchamp, minister of Knox UC, Roblin, and Tummel UC and Supervisor of my internship in '82-'83, who quietly, compassionately and strongly embodies pastoral presence in community, and who graciously made room in both the congregation and pulpit for one who had much to learn.

As has been said, it is a great gift to have our lives caught up in something larger than our lives. So it is that, as I retire officially, I thank God and the Church for this great gift that keeps on giving.

MATHIAS ROSS



Looking back, whether 'moving' has been in my genes or whether 'choosing' played a more determinative role still remains unresolved! The early move from Malaysia, where I was born to parents of Indian origin, to India was just the start. The opening for ministerial training at The United Theological College, Bangalore -- which was thrice the distance away from a regional seminary -- happened because I was awarded a scholarship at UTC. A quick invitation from North India was the reason for transferring my membership in the Church of South India to become a minister of the Church of North India, and I served St. Paul's Church, Pune for eight and a half years. The choice/decision-making part of me got activated at this point when my passion to do doctoral study in Theology resurfaced. That took me to New College (University of Edinburgh), where I did my research in critically evaluating Paul Tillich's theological approach to Religious Pluralism. On completing my Ph.D., I was invited by my former teacher in UTC who had then become Principal of Bishop's College, Calcutta to join the faculty. Largely, these moves happened quite naturally.

Ecumenical relations and scholars (including from Canada) coming to give lectures in theological colleges in India, helped me come to St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon in the academic year 2006-7 on a sabbatical and teach a couple of courses. This possibility developed with efforts on my side, which was responded to with interest and generosity on the part of St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon. After the Sabbatical I returned to India and became the Director of Christian Studies at Madras Christian College (mainly an Arts and Sciences college). In addition to fulfilling the normal duties, I organised inter-disciplinary seminars particularly in the areas of inter-faith and peace, and laid the groundwork for the Centre for Peace Studies, which was inaugurated three years later.

Along with the 'move' force at work, my interfaith interest which gained prominence in my thinking since my doctoral study years, also became a forceful thread that connected me with Saskatchewan. In April 2007 at a Conference organised by Multifaith Saskatoon and the City of Saskatoon, I had the opportunity to present a short talk on "Sustainable Common Future and Faith" as a panelist. And in May 2007 I presented a paper titled "Community Praxis and Inter-religious Dialogue in Contemporary Religious Formation", at the Canadian Theological Society's Annual Conference. My interest in theology and inter-faith also led me to express my interest and serve on The United Church of Canada's "Theology, Inter-church and Inter-faith Committee" from 2012 to 2018.

Becoming part of The United Church of Canada involved a deliberate choice. And I am so grateful that my special last years of ministry serving the pastoral charges of Grasslands, Davidson and Carlyle and being part of wider church Annual Meeting gatherings, conferences and workshops had a renewing effect on me. The people, the events, and opportunities for working together resulted in immense learning experiences and personal and professional growth. The last decade of my career was not a winding down, but one where I was forced to experience and articulate transformational change that is meaningful to our given contexts.

To continue to be part of the United Church's mission in congregational settings and in community in the years ahead is my desire. For now, I am happy to serve on the Western Intercultural Ministry Network's Executive, which meets online almost every month.

YVONNE TERRY



My ministry journey began very innocently one Sunday morning at Forest Lawn United Church, (my home congregation in Calgary). We were having a Congregational meeting and Rev. Catherine Pace was the Presbytery Rep. After the meeting, she came up to me with the question; "How much longer are you going to run?". We engaged into a brief conversation and left it there. The circumstances and situations that followed were nothing short of miracles, and before you knew it, Rev. Catherine Pace wound up becoming my Educational Supervisor.

I cannot say enough about Catherine's tutoring. She took me under her wings; educated me, pruned me, challenged me, pushed and prodded me in so many ways. Sometimes I wanted to give up, but what she saw in me made her work even harder. Her work paid off, which led to the seventeen wonderful years I celebrated in ministry; in three different Pastoral Charges, and two Provinces; and on the committees I have served (and are still serving) at the Local, Regional and National levels.

This has been a fantastic and sometimes challenging Spiritual journey, one I would repeat in a heartbeat. On this journey I have met some wonderful people, who have challenged me spiritually and personally, resulting in both my faith in God, and confidence in myself being strengthened. A big THANK YOU for your confidence in me; for believing in me, and supporting me on this journey! I will be forever grateful to you ALL, for the part you have played in making me who I am today.

My decision to retire came when the last Pastoral Charge I served made the decisions to close and sell the buildings, and COVID 19 was also a factor. As I write a new chapter in my life, I do so in faith, and I take all the wonderful memories I have cherished with me. Galatians 6:9 is one of the most encouraging and comforting bible passages for me: *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"*.

GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Murray Evans

March 30, 1926 – October 1, 2020



Ronald Murray Evans passed away quietly on October 1, 2020 at City Hospital, Saskatoon, SK, in the company of his son Aaron.

Dad was born in Kenaston, SK on March 30, 1936. He grew up on a farm, in “the hill country” of the Chatham District, 14 miles east of town. The son of Alex and Gladys (Paxman) Evans, dad attended Chatham’s one-room school before finishing high school in Kenaston. He graduated from the U of S with a B.A. and from St. Andrew’s College with a Bachelor of Divinity. Dad met mom, Norma (Poole), at a church summer camp. Mom later attended the U of S where their courtship continued. They were married in 1962, “his good fortune beyond measure”. Dad was ordained in the United

Church in 1961 and served four years as the United Church Minister in Rocanville, SK. They moved to Berkeley, California, where dad graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion in 1968. Later certified as a supervisor in clinical pastoral education, he worked for 5 years as the chaplain at Kings View Mental Health Center in Reedley, California and 19 years as the Director of Pastoral Services at RUH in Saskatoon. With the exception of four years in the Rocanville parish, dad’s working life was spent as a chaplain and teacher in psychiatric and general hospitals in Houston, Reedley, and Saskatoon. In another life, “he would ask to have the courage to be an actor or join the circus; as it was, he got only as far as the church”.

Dad never displayed the three university degrees he earned. Rather, what decorated his offices were his diploma in sausage making, a plaque for fire eating and a certificate for graduating from clown school. Dad’s alter-ego, Yitzak the Clown, was born after a week at clown school. Yitzak would later appear at RUH, making balloon animals for patients on various wards. In keeping with this spirit, dad left gainful employment at 55 so he could “learn to write”. Dad felt tremendous satisfaction for creating a newsletter The Sourdough Bagel, writing three books Coming Home: Saskatchewan Remembered, Letters from the Sourdough Bagel: Confessions of a loner who like company, and When the Bartender Dim the Lights: Storytelling after 80. Dad also produced one CD, You Can See for Miles, a collection of his storytelling accompanied by Barry Luft on banjo. In the last few years, dad learned how to draw and paint, producing many images of hills, barns and barbed wire fences.

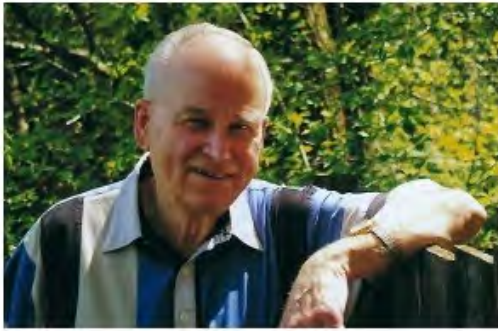
A few years after he retired from RUH, mom and dad moved to the Village of Shields at Blackstrap Lake. Mom and dad developed and fostered many new friendships during their 20 years at Shields, most of which endure to this day. During their time at Shields, mom and dad were part of a number of committees aimed at beautifying the Village of Shields. Dad later received a Volunteer of the Year award from the Province of Saskatchewan for the time and effort he spent improving the community of Shields.

Ron was predeceased by his parents, his brother Ross (Elizabeth) Evans in 2012 and sister Norma (Fred) Fulton in 2020.

A loving father, devoted spouse and loyal friend, dad will be missed. Ron is survived by his wife Norma, daughter, Suzanne and son, Aaron, daughter-in-law Melissa, and grandchildren Jackson, Harrison, and Madeleine. “To them all I owe a great debt, having been loved by them and learning to love in turn.”

Eric Pullam

October 16, 1933 – October 9, 2020



It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Eric Gregory Pullam after a full life of love and service. He died at home surrounded by loved ones. Eric was born in Toronto Ontario to his parents Helen Pullam (nee Gregory) and Eric Pullam. Eric grew up in Toronto. Eric's family had a cottage just outside of Toronto, where Eric fondly remembered the freedom of exploring nature with his sister, Joan. These childhood summers created a life's passion for all things in nature. This passion encompassed gardening, birding, hiking, camping, canoeing, and fishing. Upon completion of high school,

Eric entered the University of Toronto and completed his BA. During his summer breaks from university Eric worked at the Dominion Bank (TD Bank) as a runner for them. Eric then studied theology at Emmanuel College in Toronto. During his theological studies Eric was a summer student with the United Church on a pastoral charge in northern Saskatchewan. It was this opportunity that created Eric's love of the prairies. Eric was ordained into ministry with the United Church of Canada in the spring of 1961. While attending the University of Toronto he met Erna Mamie Leach. Erna and Eric were married June 24, 1961 in New Brunswick and following their honeymoon drove to their first pastoral charge - Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan. While in Hudson Bay, Ruth, Jennifer and Greg were all born in quick succession. Eric subsequently served in Prince Albert Saskatchewan, Estevan Saskatchewan, Glenboro Manitoba, and Swan River Manitoba. In each pastoral charge Eric was called to, he and Erna worked in partnership in ministry. Eric was an active participant in all of the communities he lived in. He participated in Interdenominational Ministerial committees, Food Bank Drives, Christmas Hampers, Arts Councils, Stars for Saskatchewan, and Chairperson of the initial committee for the Estevan Regional nursing home to name but a few. Rotary International was a very important part of Eric's life. He joined Rotary in Estevan and had 35 years of perfect attendance!! The four pillars of Rotary were a match for Eric in terms of service and connected with Eric's strong faith in God. Eric was passionately involved in Rotary Foundation work, exchange students, and travelled to Rotary events. In retirement Eric didn't hesitate to drive hours to visit his grandchildren and participate in activities they were involved in. In most recent years Eric and Erna enjoyed living in Mulberry Estates, a retirement community, making friends and participating in activities. Eric is survived by wife Erna Mamie Pullam (nee Leach), his three children: daughter Ruth Pullam (Sony Ahluwalia) and their child Raj Ahluwalia Pullam, daughter Jennifer Marcotte (Warren Marcotte), and their children Bryce Marcotte (Emma Maelde), Sarah Marcotte (Lucas Graham), son Gregory Pullam, (Sintra Lewis), and their daughter Aden Pullam. Eric is also survived by his younger sister Joan Sneddon of Toronto and her four children, Bruce, Anne, Scott and Elizabeth. We are very grateful for the special care provided by Eric's private caregivers, Christy, Connie, and Judy.

Allan Shaw

June 28, 1931 - February 2, 2021



With Allan was born June 28, 1931 on a farm in Holland Township Grey County Ontario. Allan famously recounts the story that it was a Sunday afternoon and his dad said he found him in the cornfield beside the house!

He grew up in and around Holland Centre, attending school at Holland Centre public school and Markdale High School. After completing Grade 13 he was accepted for a teaching position at Mono Township near Orangeville, Ontario. In the 1950s he commuted between his father's farm and Moggie School where he taught while attending summer courses at Toronto Normal school to obtain a first class teaching certificate.

As a young man, Allan would work the summers away from the farm to raise extra money. Allan also had other interesting jobs, including working the rail lines for CPR as a section hand and as a milkman with Scenic City Dairy, Owen Sound. Allan also drove taxis, and had many funny stories to tell of those adventures.

In the fall of 1952 Allan began studies for his B.A. at Victoria University Toronto. During his three years of study he was a weekend supply minister at the Temple Hill Pastoral Charge in Grey County, Ontario. It was during this time he met and fell for a young woman who would be his future wife, Joan Patricia Smith. Allan graduated in 1955 from Emmanuel College with a Bachelor of Divinity, and was ordained to the United Church ministry on June 1, 1958.

Allan's first assignment brought him to the Saskatchewan prairies where he took on the Pastoral Charge in Landis. Three years later he relocated to the Pastoral Charge in Unity. He and Joan were married in 1961 and began their married life in Unity, spending nine happy years, and where their three children, Judy, Jeff and Sandi were born.

Allan had an interest in flying and during his years in Unity he obtained a private pilot's license. He volunteered and was accepted for the Alert Bay Marine Mission in British Columbia. The young family moved to Alert Bay and Allan flew float planes. This ministry was fundamental to the culturally diverse remote communities.

In 1972 the family returned to Saskatchewan and he accepted a call to the Nipawin and Codette Pastoral charge where he remained active for twenty-five + years. Allan was appointed to the rank of Captain in Chaplain Services of the Canadian Armed Forces where he received training for two Citabria gliders. In 1983 Allan turned his energies into counseling and registered in a clinical pastoral education course at North Dakota State Mental Hospital in Jamestown and included three months of training at University Hospital, Saskatoon. Allan returned to Nipawin as the School community counsellor and began private counseling out of his home as well as being a supply minister for Ridgedale, Alysham and surrounding communities.

Allan loved music. He mentions that highlights of his career included directing the Intermediate Choir in Unity for seven years. They sang in a number of music festivals for several churches and communities. Allan wouldn't hesitate to stop and play a few tunes every time he passed a piano. After he retired, he played keyboards for the famous 'No Name' band.

Allan also enjoyed coaching a young lady's hockey team in Nipawin which he said was a genuine reward for him. Allan had many other interests and anything he pursued he did with a passion. He loved photography and formed the Photography Club of Nipawin. He was involved with the Boy Scouts and told many stories of his adventures. He also was involved with and led many youth groups. He loved watching sports, including skating, curling, and of course the Saskatchewan Roughriders. In the later years he relished traveling to Manitoba to watch his grandson play a variety of sports and attend every Christmas concert.

Allan drew much pleasure from his volunteering – it was an integral part of his sense of community and his desire to help others. Some of the groups he was involved with include the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the Legion. Allan was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club, and was bestowed the Nipawin's Citizen of the Year in 1984.

Allan has spent a lifetime in the service of his ministry and his community. In recognition of his achievements, in 2020 Allan was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from St. Andrew's College at the University of Saskatchewan.

Allan's family was the most important thing in his life. He showed great interest in the pursuits and endeavors of his children and grandson. He was always there to support, give guidance, extol his wisdom and share his love.

Allan will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Joan, his daughters Judy (Tim), Sandi (Dean), his son Jeff; his grandson Blair, his sister Noreen (Ken) as well as generations of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is pre-deceased by his parents Thomas Farley Shaw and Mary Ann McMullen, his brother Stewart and his niece Lynn, Alonzo and Hawthorne Smith, Gordon and Eveline Lennox, Ted Smith, Barb Lennox, and Bill Lennox.

Allan touched the hearts of everyone he met, and will be sadly missed.

Alma Pockrandt

February 3, 2021



With heavy hearts, we regret to announce the passing of Alma Pockrandt on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Alma was predeceased by her devoted and steadfast husband Don; parents Anne Margaret and James Mann and brothers George and Wesley.

Alma is survived by her brother Lloyd (Janice); sisters-in-law Fran and Debbie; her loving children Cynthia, Kenneth (Nicolle) and Roanne; her beloved grandchildren Chantell (Ernest), Samantha, Jessica (Cody), Kyle, Kallie, Kosty and Chloe; her treasured great-grandchildren Nyxon, Abby, Stetson, and Thalia; as well as numerous friends and relatives who will all miss her faithful kindness and generosity.

Alma was very active over her lifetime, whether working or upon retirement. She always made an effort to be present for sporting events and special occasions in the lives of family members, attended and volunteered at church, enjoyed square dancing, playing bridge, curling, knitting, sewing and cross-stitching memorable gifts for all those she loved.

Alma was very active in the churches of Broadway, Zion and joined Eastside after Zion closed. She was a member of Wascana Presbytery and Saskatchewan Conference for many years as well.

I am at peace, my soul's at rest, there is no need for tears. For with your love, I was so blessed, for all so many years.



Marylynn Florence Dumont
(Morning Woman / Wapan isk wew)
April 3, 1975 - February 8, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt announce the passing of her daughter, Marylynn Florence Dumont on Monday February 8, 2021 at the age of 45.

Betty Powell

February 7, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family of Betty Powell announces her passing on February 7, 2021 with her family by her side, at the home of her daughter Catherine. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 53 years, Tom, daughters Catherine Powell (Brian Pozniak) and Jennifer Brookman (Aaron), grandchildren Alysha and Matthew Forester and Adam Brookman, sisters-in-law Marilyn Marven and Evelyn Powell, brother-in-law Douglas Powell, nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, William in 1988 and Winnifred in 2000, father-in-law Dwight Powell in 2005, mother-in-law Mary Powell in 2009, and brother-in-law David Marven in 2019.

Betty was born in 1943 in Arborfield, Saskatchewan. She attended high school in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, and obtained a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan. She made life-long friends and memories at her first teaching position at the rural high school in Prince Albert where she taught English, French, and Drama. She and Tom married in 1967, and made their first home in Edmonton, Alberta where she taught junior high school while he finished his university degrees. In 1969, they moved to Leader where Tom was settled by The United Church of Canada. In 1970, daughter Cathy was born, and in 1972 after moving to Outlook, daughter Jennifer was added to the family. Betty was kept busy raising the girls, being active in the church and running the family's business, Powell's Male Shop, with Tom until the family moved to Regina in 1975. In Regina, Betty worked teaching preschool and later as school secretary and librarian at Coronation Park School. In 1986, the family moved again, this time to North Battleford. With the girls being older, Betty resumed teaching, and worked at two schools across the river in Battleford. Tom and Betty's final move was in 1990 to Saskatoon. At the time of her retirement in 1999, Betty worked for the Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Associations. Through all these moves, she demonstrated her incredible inner strength, resilience, and ability to make the best of any situation.

Betty's main purpose in life was always to provide a loving home for her family, and she succeeded! There were many wonderful family dinners, birthday parties, holidays, family reunions, weddings, and baptisms that she organized and often catered. Cathy and Jennifer always knew she would be there to lend an ear, a hand, a spare bedroom for as long as they wanted, or anything else they might need. She was present at the births of two of her three grandchildren and loved rocking all of them as babies, reading stories, playing house, and having them sleep over. She provided grandma day care and took them to preschool. Betty attended as many of her grandchildren's activities as she could, from music festival and football, soccer, and hockey games, to piano and dance recitals, high school drama productions and band concerts. The family cabin at Candle Lake, originally purchased by her parents in 1972, was a special place for Betty, and many fond memories were made there.

Betty was a talented pianist and organist; those abilities played a big part in how she and Tom met each other. She was skilled with a needle, avidly pursuing sewing, quilting, stitchery, knitting and crocheting, and she shared her handmade gifts with many. Her terrific cooking was appreciated by family, friends, and even complete strangers throughout her years. Betty and Tom loved to travel, and explored many interesting places, both near and far. She inherited a love of gardening from her parents, and created beautiful yards wherever the family lived. She was kind, compassionate, wise, patient, and showed grace under pressure.

In 2016, Betty and family received the devastating diagnosis that she had Alzheimer's Disease. In 2019, she moved to Oliver Lodge where she lived until the final days of her life.

Earl Grigg

February 15, 1926 - February 17, 2021



Earl Grigg passed away peacefully on February 17, 2021 at Providence Place in Moose Jaw, SK at the age of 95. Earl was predeceased by his parents, his wife Anne (2005), and his grandson Andy Johnson (2020). Left to cherish his memory is his son Glen Grigg and his daughter Darilyn Grigg; grandchildren Barry, Heather, Ryan, and Heidi; 5 great-grandchildren; his brother Lloyd and his sister Mildred as well as numerous other family and friends. Earl also considered the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church his bothers and sisters. Earl was born in Moose Jaw, SK on February 15, 1926. He received his formal education at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Montana, and the University of BC. He was a life-long learner. Earl was ordained in 1954 and spent most of his life ministering to the people of Moose Jaw. He was at St. Andrew's United Church for five years and then went on to work at the Moose Jaw Public School Board,

returning to ministry in Mortlach before retiring.

Patricia Joan (Casswell) Farquharson

July 5, 1936 - February 24, 2021



Patricia Joan was born in Moosomin, Saskatchewan July 5, 1936 to RCMP Constable Henry (Harry) Sellers Casswell and educator Phyllis Aileen Brown. Harry and Phyllis, with daughters Joan and Beverly, would subsequently live in a variety of communities that included Kipling and Craik, and then Estevan where Joan and Beverly would receive their high school education.

In 1954 Joan enrolled in the City Hospital School of Nursing in Saskatoon. She graduated in 1957 and became a Registered Nurse. On September 16, 1958, at Grace United Church, Saskatoon, she married Walter Farquharson, a theological student at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon. From September 1960 until June 1961 they lived in Edinburgh, Scotland, where Walter attended New College at the University of Edinburgh and served as an assistant minister at Morningside Parish Church. Their firstborn child, Scott, was born October 10. Joan's primary focus for that year was learning the skills of parenting.

In July 1961 Joan and Walter moved to Saltcoats, Saskatchewan where Walter had been “settled” as a minister of The Saltcoats-Bredenbury Pastoral Charge of The United Church of Canada. Saltcoats would become home and here Joan and Walter raised their family of four - Scott, Michael, Catherine and Stephen. Life revolved around parenting and active involvement in church and community.

Joan’s parents lived with an emphasis upon service and Joan had been attracted to nursing as an avenue of service to community and to individual members of the human family. Her attraction to nursing was inspired in part by the example of family members.

As a nurse, Joan was quick to recognize a patient’s needs and changes in their symptoms and their responses to treatments given. She was a compassionate and astute listener. As a nursing manager, Joan functioned as a team-builder, professional and capable, and always as a champion and advocate for care-givers and for those receiving care.

Her career as a nurse covered many aspects of nursing. Upon graduating she became an operating room nurse at City Hospital working especially with Dr. Idris Hamdi, neurosurgeon. She worked for a time in Saltcoats Hospital but most of her nursing career was lived out at the Yorkton Hospital where she worked medical, surgical and geriatric wards, then as Night Supervisor and finally as Assistant Director of Nursing, retiring in 1990.

Joan was a deeply spiritual woman, committed to a lived and lively faith - seeing God in nature and in the women, men and children of the human family.

In 1990, Joan became a member of the ministry team of the Four Town Pastoral Charge of the United Church as a Staff Associate teaming with her friend, Margaret Hulston. In this role, she led services of worship, offered pastoral care including officiating at funeral and memorial services. During this time (1990-1992) Joan joined Walter, who was serving as Moderator of the United Church, in extensive travels to congregations and church gatherings across Canada and to partner churches in Zambia, South Africa, Cuba and Jamaica. This, often meant requests from local groups to meet specifically with her or to apprise her of some special projects or concerns. Her ability to meet others with compassion and empathy was quickly recognized.

Over many years Joan partnered with Walter to offer workshops in a variety of areas that included: Celebrating and Honouring Your Relationship as a Couple; Dealing with Grief and Helping Grievers; Spiritual Practices; The Enneagram - Tool for Understanding Self and Relationships. In the local church, she was involved at different times in CGIT, Youth Groups, Music Ministry, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, and Explorations of Faith. Most recently that local involvement saw the initiation of a Prayer Shawl ministry - and in knitting and crocheting shawls, scarves and lap rugs for that ministry.

In the 1990’s, Joan participated in a Spiritual Direction/Ignatian Pathway program at the John Paul II Centre in Regina and, on the completion of a two-year program, was recognized as a Spiritual Director within the Archdiocese of Regina.

For several years she and Walter operated Blue Heron House, Bed and Breakfast and Retreat, hosting group retreats and programs and providing opportunity for individual retreats.

Community involvements were many, and included the Agricultural Society; Community Beautification Group; Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association (especially the Summer Student Program); fund-raising for the Community Hall Refurbishing Project. As part of the Hall Project, Joan designed the unique Saltcoats Community Tartan, officially recognized by the Scottish Tartan Registry.

Throughout her life, Joan was a lover of the natural world, especially the world of trees, prairie landscapes, birding, seeking out native wildflowers. From her days in high school Joan was recognized as having a love for learning, a questioning mind, and a passionate commitment to core values that included justice-seeking, practicing compassion, living with a profound gratitude for gifts, opportunities and connections experienced in each day given us as children of God, part of creation and as part of a diverse and rich family of humankind.

Joan always enjoyed travel - whether that was through the countryside or on longer tours to explore our province and country. Visits to the UK, to Japan, and Joan and Walter's one major holiday tour - a Pacific Rim Tour, were special times.

Joan's interests included knitting, spinning, weaving and a wide variety of needlework activities. She was an avid reader and a lover of music. She enjoyed baking. A great joy was found in the company of family and friends.

As a sister, she is remembered as a protector, and a loving, loyal friend.

As a Mother, Joan is remembered as a fiercely loving, care-giver, nurturer and for the humour and laughs they shared.

As a Grandmother, she is remembered for her warm welcoming embraces, her baking and knitting, her shared enthusiasm for all of her grandchildren's passions, and her unwavering love.

As a life partner, she is remembered - lover, soul-mate and friend. A rare and treasured gem.

Joan was predeceased by her parents, Harry and Phyllis Casswell and by an honoured company of aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, fellow workers and journey-makers.

Death came peacefully on February 24th at the Centennial Care Home in Langenburg after a battle with Leukemia. During her illness, the care she received from Home Care, hospitals and care home, was always professional and compassionate.

Remembering Joan with love and admiration are her husband, Walter; daughter Catherine Daniels of Regina; sons - Scott (Shelley) of Saskatoon, Michael (Hanna) of Saltcoats, Stephen (Crystal) of Saltcoats; treasured grandchildren - Brendan (Hannah) of Saskatoon, Davis Daniels (Chantel) of Regina, Kaito and Gregor of Mayville, N. Dakota, Kyla and Dougal of Saltcoats, Jessica and Katelyn of Saltcoats; sister Beverly of Surrey, B.C.; sister-in-law Lynn Farquharson of Zealandia; special cousins, nephews and nieces; many friends, mentors and co-workers who have shared and enriched life's journey.

Ivan Glen Fulford
October 26, 1913 – March 14, 2021 (age 107)



Ivan Fulford died peacefully, early Sunday morning on March 14, 2021 with family by his side, at the age of 107. He will be missed by special friend, Olga Rock, sons: Doug (Velda) and Ken (Lynda), daughters: Pat Chimney, Lois (Jim) Aitken, Betty (Murray) McClure and Dawne Fulford (Al), brother Keith (Alfreda) and sister Norma, along with 24 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and 22 great-great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by wife Bernice (nee Godin), father Alfred (Doc), mother Tina (nee McLeod), son Gordon, granddaughter Holly, son-in-law Don, and great great grandson Kale, brothers Hugh, Jim and Dal, sisters Freda, Alda and Jean, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

Ivan was born in Mather, Manitoba and in 1934 moved with his parents to Minitonas, MB. Dad loved to farm and in the early years worked in the bush cutting and hauling logs to the mill. He married Bernice Godin in 1937 and they farmed until 1954 when with a family of six moved to Oakland, MB. There he served as a student minister in the Oakland Church while attending college. Their seventh child arrived while ministering there. When he got his degree in 1958, he accepted a call to the United Church at Grandview, MB. He also ministered at Wiseton and Pelly, SK. Dad was known for his ability to reach people in a special way – he assisted his parishioners when help was needed, and especially loved, in the midst of his ministerial work to help farmers with the harvest. He was the leader in planning and building a new church in Grandview. Each year during summer holidays the car was loaded down with tenting supplies and family travelled across Canada and into the States. When Dad retired in 1976 he returned to farming at Pelly, where he and mom bought a homestead and built it into a ranch called Revs Rolling Ranch. Family and grandkids loved to visit the Ranch. Dad was a hard-working man and visiting grandkids were taught to ride a horse, lasso a cow, drive a tractor, ride a baler and much more. They learned hard work in cutting trees down for firewood and pulling the logs out of the bush with a horse. Grandkids loved him dearly but found out he was not a man to be reckoned with, especially in a game of crib. Dad taught us the value of family, and oh, how he loved a family sing song. He also enjoyed a good debate with whoever would argue. In his mid-seventies he and mom took up downhill skiing and joined in family ski trips in the Rockies. Dad loved riding his horse and he was able to ride into his nineties. He loved to dance and was able to until he was 103.

We will remember him sitting in the rocking chair in the big kitchen window looking out down into the valley ... the dances at weekend family get-togethers at Wellman Lake church camp ... the beautiful rendition of "Be present at our table Lord" sang before every meal. And we will remember the crumpled farm hat, the worn coveralls, his chuckles and his humming a tune while working away. Dad/Grandpa, your chuckles will be echoed in our hearts forever. You instilled values and morals and have left us with memories and love to cherish for a lifetime - thank you for the wonderful legacy. Your work is done now – Rest In Peace.

John (Jack) Millar
June 6, 1929 – April 5, 2021



John B. (Jack) Millar died Monday April 5, 2021 at the age of 91. He is survived by his four children, Kathleen (Barry) Sawatsky of Calgary, Virginia Millar of Vernon, B.C., Fred Millar of Saskatoon and John (Lee) Millar of Regina; six grandchildren, Andrew Sawatsky, Krista (Justin) Fenech, Lisa and Sarah Millette and Carter and McKenzie Millar and five great grandchildren, Dennis, Nora and Lucy Spencer and Elliot and Finley Fenech. Jack was married twice; to the children's mother, Anne Halliday and then to Jean Nahachewsky.

Jack was born on June 6, 1929 in Empress, AB, the only child of John and Beatrice Millar. In his youth Jack lived in a number of small communities where his father worked for the C.P.R.. Jack graduated from high school in Rosemary, AB. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Alberta and his Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1960.

Jack worked for the Canadian Wildlife Service for thirty-two years as a wildlife biologist and, even after retirement, continued to do contract work based on his years of experience. He was a collector of many artifacts, which he accumulated in his 40 years of travel around the world. He was a keen photographer and for many years entertained audiences in local nursing homes, libraries, seniors groups and churches with his travel slides.

The United Church was a major focus in Jack's life. He was the first lay-person to be President of the United Church Conference in Saskatchewan. He also served on many committees in the various courts of the church and was an active member of McClure United Church.

Charles (Chuck) Robert Alton
1939 – 2021



Our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Charles (Chuck) Robert Alton, passed away peacefully into the arms of the Lord with family by his side on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the age of 81 years. Chuck is survived by his loving wife Rhaya, his three daughters Nanette (Patrick) Estabrooks and their daughters Caitlin (Cole) English, Lauren Estabrooks and Nicole Estabrooks, Heather (Russell) Ohlmann and Naomi (Kerry) Degenhardt and their children Josephine, Claire and Gilbert. He is also survived by his siblings Joe (Esther) Alton, Karen (Hans) Specht and Tim (Wonda) Alton, his sisters-in-law Ellie Donahue, Betti Gallpen, Marj (Jim) Kope and Carol Davis (George Owen) and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chuck was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Marion Alton, Rhaya's parents, Charles and Isabel Nix, his brothers-in-law Peter Gallpen and Joe Donahue and two infant great-grandchildren Camille and Connor English. Chuck was born in Weyburn, SK on August 14, 1939, the oldest of four

children. He grew up in the Griffin area and worked alongside his family on the farm and in their hardware store. He went to Teachers College in Moose Jaw in the fall of 1957 and taught school for 5 years in Goodwater, Wood Mountain and Beechy, SK and in Topley, BC. Chuck answered the Lord's call into ministry and attended St. Andrew's College from 1967-1970 when he was ordained. Over his 34-year career in The United Church of Canada, he served the pastoral charges of Climax (1970-1975), Avonlea-Briercrest (1975-1982), Consort, AB (1982-1984), Cadillac-Neville-Vanguard (1984-1991) and Lafleche (1991-2004). Upon his retirement, they moved to Briercrest, SK where he lived until his passing. Chuck had a real passion for serving his church and community and made many friendships

throughout his life. Chuck met his loving wife Rhaya in 1965 at Naramata, BC while attending Christian Leadership Training School. They were married on June 24, 1967 and enjoyed almost 54 years together. He was a real family man and had a very active role in raising his children. Chuck was delighted to become a grandpa and enjoyed each of his grandchildren, attending many school concerts and gymnastic recitals. He had the privilege of baptizing 2 of his 3 children and all 6 of his grandchildren and performing the marriage ceremony of his oldest granddaughter Caitlin.

Congregations/Pastoral Charges that have ceased worshipping

Brithdir Congregation of the Humboldt Pastoral Charge

Borden Pastoral Charge

Fillmore: Grace United Church Congregation of the Prairie Points Pastoral Charge

Gravelbourg: St. Stephen's Congregation of the Gravelbourg Pastoral Charge

Manor: Knox United Pastoral Charge (SM)

Nokomis Congregation of the Lanigan, Nokomis Pastoral Charge

Redvers: Knox United/Lutheran Pastoral Charge (SM)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Executive, Commission, Committee & Task Group Members

Notes:

-This listing reflects how the membership of the groups of the Regional Council will look effective the rise of the 2021 Regional Gathering. There are some people winding up their terms or leaving their positions in June of 2021, whose names do not appear on this list.

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

Regional Council Executive

Chairperson:	Tricia Gerhard (OM)	Term 1, year 3
Treasurer:	Donna Brown (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Dave Whalley (DLM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Brian Maitland (OM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Ron Brandow (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Tim Ellis (OM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Linda Gunningham (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Piotr Strzelecki (OM)	Term 1, year 1
Member:	VACANT	

Regional Meeting Planning Committee

Convenor:	VACANT	
Convenor of Regional Gathering:	VACANT	(*1-year position)
Member:	Hoeun Lee (OM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Bonnie Morton (DLM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Brian Tudor (L)	Term 1, year 1

Property Commission

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

Nominations Committee

Convenor:	Susan Reed (DM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Jeanette Warriar (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Yvonne Terry (DLM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	

Grants Committee

Convenor:	Leslee Whalley (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Barry Balls (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	

Pastoral Relations Commission

Member:	Marvin Mackie (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Janelle Shaw (OM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Miles Russell (OM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Jen Dresser (DM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Donna Rumpel (DLM)	Term 1, year 3

Committee on Lay Leadership Support

Member:	Sheila Ivanochko (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Patti Sawchuk (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Andrew Hecker (L)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	VACANT	

Committee on Ministry Personnel Leadership Support

Member:	Rick McCorrister (OM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Michele Rowe (OM)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	VACANT	
Member:	VACANT	

Committee on Community of Faith Support

Member:	Deborah Smith (OM)	Term 2, year 1
Member:	Bill Pollock (L)	Term 1, year 3
Member:	Sheila Deforest (L)	Term 2, year 1
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:	VACANT

Rural Pastoral Care Task Group

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

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Executive of Living Skies Regional Council

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Living Skies Regional Council (the "Council"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020 and the statement of operations and statement of changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Institute as at December 31, 2020 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matters

We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of the schedule on page 15 of the Council's financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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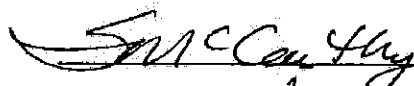
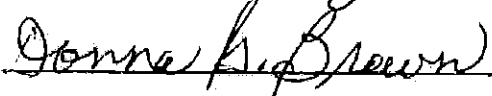
Chartered Professional Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 22, 2021

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Financial Position

December 31	2020	2019
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and bank	\$ 308,622	\$ 308,209
Short-term investments (Note 2)	1,261,823	803,809
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	643	16,127
Accrued Interest	5,029	4,418
Prepaid expenses	716	4,503
Due from related party (Note 5)	40,137	8,203
	1,616,970	1,145,269
Wascana Solar Co-op and Saskatchewan Environmental Society Solar Co-op investment	9,750	9,750
Long-term investments (Note 4)	1,116,224	1,036,952
Capital assets (Note 6)	2,103	4,208
	2,745,047	\$ 2,196,179
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 21,600	\$ 7,215
Due to related party (Note 5)	-	998
	21,600	8,213
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	372,205	156,000
Restricted Funds	2,351,242	2,031,966
	2,723,447	2,187,966
	\$ 2,745,047	\$ 2,196,179

Approved by the Regional Council Executive:

 _____ Executive Minister
 _____ Treasurer

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31

2020

2019

	Budget	Designated Fund	General Fund	Total	Total
Revenue					
United Church of Canada grants	\$ 681,000	-	\$ 690,328	\$ 690,328	\$ 681,000
Regional assessment	-	-	152,946	152,946	-
Event fees	17,000	-	965	965	32,479
Donations	-	120,086	31,214	151,300	95,424
Investment income	-	30,457	(4,963)	25,494	60,226
Lease and rental income	-	30,194	-	30,194	23,080
Sale of goods and services	-	90	-	90	1,000
Oil royalty	-	12,218	-	12,218	9,487
Unrealized gain on investments	-	6,975	57,062	64,037	62,629
	698,000	200,020	927,552	1,127,572	965,325
Expenditures					
Allocation and payments to programs	125,000	31,328	134,329	165,657	284,614
Amortization	-	-	2,105	2,105	2,105
Annual meeting	60,000	-	3,244	3,244	59,214
General Fund	78,400	2,362	23,130	25,492	50,103
Office and administration	36,100	-	27,226	27,226	30,952
Staffing costs	376,450	-	368,367	368,367	376,430
	675,950	33,690	558,401	592,091	803,418
Excess of revenue over expenses before other item	22,050	166,330	369,151	535,481	161,907
Other Item					
Transfer from Conference and Presbyteries	-	-	-	-	2,026,059
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 22,050	\$ 166,330	\$ 369,151	\$ 535,481	\$ 2,187,966

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended December 31	2020			2019	
	Designated Fund	General Fund	Total	Total	
Net Assets , beginning of year	\$ 2,031,966	\$ 156,000	\$ 2,187,966	\$	-
Excess of revenue over expenditures	166,330	369,151	535,481		2,187,966
Internal Transfers (Note 9)	152,946	(152,946)	-		-
Net Assets , end of year	\$ 2,351,242	\$ 372,205	\$ 2,723,447	\$	2,187,966

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Statement of Cash Flows

<u>For the year ended December 31</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 535,481	\$ 2,187,966
Adjustments for		
Amortization of capital assets	2,105	2,105
	<u>537,586</u>	<u>2,190,071</u>
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Accounts receivable	15,484	(16,127)
Accrued interest	(611)	(4,418)
Prepaid expenses	3,787	(4,503)
Due from related parties	(31,934)	(8,203)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,385	7,215
Due to related parties	(998)	998
	<u>537,699</u>	<u>2,165,033</u>
Cash Flows from (used in) Investing Activities		
Transfer of capital assets	-	(6,313)
Purchase of short-term investments	(458,014)	(803,809)
Purchase of long-term investments	(79,272)	(1,036,952)
Transfer of solar investments	-	(9,750)
	<u>(537,286)</u>	<u>(1,856,824)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	413	308,209
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>308,209</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 308,622</u>	<u>\$ 308,209</u>

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

1. Nature of the Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

The Living Skies Regional Council (the "Council") is composed of Communities of Faith of The United Church of Canada within the Province of Saskatchewan. The Regional Council of The United Church of Canada is a decision making body responsible to serve and support Communities of Faith within its bounds and provide necessary oversight. The Council is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. It is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The purpose of the Council is:

- Provide support advice and services to Communities of Faith in the areas of human resources, property, archives, leadership training.
- Provide oversight of Communities of Faith and supporting them in their life and work and ensure compliance with the policies and polity of the United Church.
- To ordain and commission members of the order of ministry, recognize Designated Lay Minister, and celebrate admission and re-admissions into the order of ministry.
- To speak both pastorally and prophetically while providing education and advocacy on issues that affect the health of our communities.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Fund Accounting

A portion of the monies received by the Council may only be used for specific purposes and accordingly are reflected in separate funds within the accounting records. While individual bank accounts are not maintained for these restricted pools, long-term investments are apportioned to fund these. Permanent transfers are recorded as transfers in the net asset accounts.

The General Fund reports those revenues and expenses related to the operations of the Council office.

The Designated Fund reports the revenues and related expenses of externally or internally restricted programs carried on or administered by the Council and are identified in the schedule of changes in designated funds.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

1. Nature of the Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition

The Council follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate designated fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the period for which the assessment is made based on the approved budget of the Council.

Grants and Assessments - These revenues are recognized as revenue in the period for which the assessment is made based on the approved budget of the Council.

Royalties, lease, and rental income - These revenues are received from Vermillion Energy Inc, Spartan Energy Corporation, Pemoco Ltd, and Crescent Point Resources Partnership and are recognized as revenue when received.

Interest - Interest revenue is recognized as income when the Council becomes entitled to such earnings.

Event fees - These revenues are recognized in the year the related event occurs.

Donations - Donation revenue is recorded when received. Donation revenue received for specific purposes is restricted and will be used at the discretion of the Council. The Council's practice is to allocate these funds as per the donor's request.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized using the straight-line method over 5 years.

A full year of amortization is taken in the year after addition.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

1. Nature of the Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any Unrealized gains and losses reported in operations. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

Post Retirement Benefit Plan

The employees of the Council participate in a defined benefit pension plan administered nationally by The United Church of Canada. Defined contribution plan accounting is applied to this multi-employer contributory defined benefit.

Contributed Services

The Council benefits greatly from the work of volunteers who contribute countless hours of service to enable the Council to fulfill its mandate. Because it is not possible to determine the fair value of these services, they are not recognized in these financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

2. Short-term Investments

	2020	2019
Innovation CU GIC, 2.15%, maturing February 21, 2021	\$ 14,385	\$ -
BMO GIC, 3.46%, maturing December 6, 2021	40,000	-
BMO GIC, 2.44%, maturing January 13, 2021	74,000	-
Conexus CU GIC, 0.55%, maturing November 21, 2021	100,000	-
Conexus CU GIC, 1.00%, maturing June 18, 2021	300,000	-
Conexus CU GIC, 0.55%, maturing December 4, 2021	150,000	-
Conexus CU GIC, 0.60%, maturing July 30, 2021	20,076	-
Conexus CU GIC, 0.65%, maturing November 21, 2021	563,362	-
BMO GIC, 2.03%, redeemed	-	65,000
Innovation CU GIC, 2.30%, redeemed	-	64,733
Innovation CU GIC, 2.75%, redeemed	-	4,000
Conexus CU GIC, 1.45%, redeemed	-	20,076
Conexus CU GIC, 2.05%, redeemed	-	600,000
Conexus CU GIC, 2.05%, redeemed	-	50,000
	\$ 1,261,823	\$ 803,809

3. Accounts Receivable

	2020	2019
Wascana Presbytery	\$ -	\$ 11,800
GST receivable	643	4,327
	\$ 643	\$ 16,127

4. Long-term Investments

	2020	2019
Innovation GIC, 2.95%, maturing March 7, 2024	\$ 56,569	\$ 54,944
Innovation GIC, 2.95%, maturing March 5, 2023	55,610	-
BMO mutual funds at market value	321,274	348,673
Frontier Capital mutual funds at market value	682,771	633,335
	\$ 1,116,224	\$ 1,036,952

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

5. Related Parties

The following table summarizes the Council's related party transactions for the year:

	2020	2019
Grants from the United Church of Canada	\$ 843,274	\$ 681,000

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange value, which is the amount agreed upon by the two parties.

The amounts due (to) from related parties at year end are as follows

	2020	2019
Due from (to) United Church of Canada	\$ 34,513	\$ (998)
Due to Northern Spirit Regional Council	1,630	1,608
Due to Prairie to Pine Regional Council	3,994	6,595
Total	\$ 40,137	\$ 7,205

Northern Spirit Regional Council and Prairie to Pine Regional Council are also United Church Regional Councils with similar purposes, goals and policies. These regions share employees and accounting with the Northern Spirit Regional Council.

United Church of Canada is the governing body for all Regional Councils in Canada and they provide grants and assistance to each region.

6. Capital Assets

	2020			2019		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Office equipment	\$ 6,313	\$ 4,210	\$ 2,103	\$ 6,313	\$ 2,105	\$ 4,208

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

7. Pension Plan

Retirement benefits for employees of the Council are provided through the pension plan of The United Church of Canada (the "Plan"). The Plan is a multi-employer pension plan which provides pensions for members of the Ministry Personnel and lay employees of the Offices of the General Council, Regional Council, or Community of Faith of The United Church of Canada. The Plan is a contributory defined benefit pension plan which is financed by contributions from participating employers and employees, and by the investment earnings of the Plan. The Plan is registered under the Pension Benefits Act, (Ontario), Registration #0355230.

At the date of the last actuarial valuations and publicly available financial information, there were no unfunded liabilities related to either past service or to amendments to the Plan.

During the year, the Council made employee contributions to the plan of approximately \$15,016 (\$22,212 in 2019).

8. Uncertainty of COVID-19

The global pandemic, COVID-19, has disrupted economic activities and supply chains. It has also impacted the Council's operations and, in particular, its ability to support local Communities of Faith. Although temporary and given the dynamic nature of these circumstances, the duration of the business disruption and its financial impacts cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. The Council's ability to pay for its operating costs depends on its ability to continue to receive grants, redeem its investments and maintain cash flows for operations.

9. Internal Transfers

The Executive authorized the transfer of funds in the amount of \$152,946 from the Operating Fund to Internally Restricted Funds.

10. Financial Instruments

The Council is exposed to different types of risk in the normal course of operations. The Council's objective in risk management is to optimize the risk return trade-off, within set limits, by applying integrated risk management and control strategies, policies and procedures throughout the Council's activities.

LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL Notes to Financial Statements

For the year ended December 31, 2020

10. Financial Instruments (continued)

(a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument fails to discharge an obligation and causes financial loss to another party. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Council to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and bank, investments and accounts receivable. The Council is not exposed to significant credit risk as the accounts receivable have typically been paid when due, and investments are diversified.

(b) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and other price risk.

(c) Interest Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Council is not exposed to significant interest rate risk as its cash and cash equivalents are held in short-term investments or variable rate products.

(d) Foreign Currency Risk

The Council is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk as it does not have any financial instruments denominated in foreign currency and the number of transactions in foreign currency are minimal.

Other price risk is the risk that the value of an investment will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual investment or factors affecting similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Council limits its exposure to other price risks by investing in low risk investment vehicles.

11. Comparative Amounts

Certain of the comparative amounts have been restated to conform to the current year's presentation.

Living Skies Regional Council
Schedule of Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2020
(unaudited)

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Expense	Balance	Internal Transfers	Closing Balance
ANCC Funds	\$ 662,104	\$ 33,521	\$ -	\$ 695,625	-	\$ 695,625
MVUC (in trust for ICM)	180,348	9,654	(1,016)	188,986	-	188,986
MVUC (social justice)	161,045	12,797	(1,346)	172,496	-	172,496
IGG	94,517	2,503	(750)	96,270	-	96,270
Hugh and Selma McKay Fund	71,345	-	-	71,345	-	71,345
Regional Assessment Fund	11,378	-	-	11,378	152,946	152,946
Personnel Issues Resolution Fund	23,629	-	(500)	23,129	-	23,129
Cohen Fund	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	6,000
Counseling Assistance Fund	6,000	-	-	6,000	-	6,000
Interim Ministry Fund	20,000	-	-	20,000	-	20,000
Review/Hearing	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Property Fund	28,908	-	(108)	28,800	-	28,800
Continuing Education Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lay Learning	16,000	12,432	-	28,432	-	28,432
Archives Fund	3,732	-	-	3,732	-	3,732
First Five Event Fund	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Learning Site	170,338	42,412	(21,370)	191,380	-	191,380
Moats Land Fund	288,598	79,104	-	367,702	-	367,702
Funds from Conference and Presbyteries	67,500	-	-	67,500	-	67,500
Funds from Church Sales	165,000	-	-	165,000	-	165,000
Reserve Fund	8,616	7,597	(5,600)	10,613	-	10,613
UCW Bursary Fund	15,000	-	(3,000)	12,000	-	12,000
Youth Ministry Fund	11,908	-	-	11,908	-	11,908
Faith Formation Generosity for Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	\$ 2,031,966	\$ 200,020	\$ (33,690)	\$ 2,198,296	\$ 152,946	\$ 2,351,242

2021 PROPOSALS

- 1) Living Skies Regional Council Policy on Justice
 - 2) Re-Instatement of Funding for Spiritual Care
Throughout The Saskatchewan Health Authority
- North Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy &
South Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy

PROPOSAL NO. 1

Title: LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND POLICIES ON JUSTICE

1. What is the issue?

We believe God is calling us to:

- commit ourselves to becoming an intercultural community.
- move toward anti-racist community.
- practice the life and work of the Regional Council with sensitivity of justice.

2. Why is this important?

- The United Church of Canada has its vision of becoming an intercultural and inclusive community with strong sense of justice and equity for all people both within the church and in wider society.
- There has been increasing awareness of racial justice in the wake of the movements of Black Lives Matter & Indigenous Lives Matter and also a sharp spike in anti-Asian hate crimes these days.
- The United Church of Canada has made a commitment to becoming an anti-racist denomination ("[Towards an Anti-Racist Denomination](#)", the 43rd General Council in June 2020), and hired a staff for the position of Anti-Racism and Equity Lead in the General Council Office to engage with anti-racist practices in all parts of the church.
- In our Region, St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon has recently adopted its own Policy on Justice that articulates its commitments, practices, and framework for understanding in the College's ongoing effort to engage in education and action toward justice in all of its own practices. Outreach and Collaboration' is part of the practices framed in the policy which makes it possible to collaborate with partners in our Region on the issue.
- It is important to set policies that provide direction and principles on the issue to all governing bodies (including Living Skies Regional Council Executive, Commission, and Committees), communities of faith, clusters, networks, and individuals in our Region.

Submitted by: Rev. SunDo Hyun, May 2021

Living Skies Regional Council motion:

Moved by Darrell Reine/Hoeun Lee:

That Living Skies Regional Council establish a Justice & Equity Committee to promote justice and equity for all people in all aspects of life and work of the Region Council, with the size of the committee and terms of reference to be created by the Executive.

Terms of reference will include but not be limited to:

- That the Justice & Equity committee be able to ask for the creation task groups as needed to focus on particular justice issues (eg. Anti-racism)
- That there be a focus on education and resources for communities of faith
- That the committee encourage the formation of relevant networks and clusters

That the committee develop and recommend policies to the Regional Council Executive on justice based on anti-racist and anti-oppressive principles and the voices from Black, Indigenous, and Peoples of Colour, 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples, and people with the lived experience of poverty, disability, mental illness, and more; and drawing on past Saskatchewan Conference and present national church justice, equity, and intercultural policies as relevant.

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PROPOSAL NO 2

**Title: RE-INSTATEMENT OF FUNDING FOR SPIRITUAL CARE THROUGHOUT
THE SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Originating Body: North Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy & South Sask. Hospital Chaplaincy

1. Statement

As the official boards & ministry personnel of the South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (SSHC) and the North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy (NSHC), we believe that God is calling us to support the spiritual well-being of patients and residents in Saskatchewan Health Authority facilities by petitioning the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority for the re-instatement of funding and support for Spiritual Care in the provincial health care budget.

2. Background

In March 2017, the Saskatchewan provincial budget eliminated health region funding for non-denominational Spiritual Care. This also led to the elimination of institutional patient lists used by denominational chaplains & spiritual care providers throughout the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Saskatchewan became and continues to be the only province in Canada that does not fund or administratively support Spiritual Care in health region facilities.

Evidence and experience show that Spiritual Care is an essential contributor to positive outcomes in healthcare, regardless of the patient's religious affiliation or lack thereof. Our opinion, supported by evidence from the Canadian Association of Spiritual Care (CASC) and members of the healthcare system itself, is that the removal of funding for Spiritual Care in 2017 was an error that must be corrected.

3. Theological & Ethical Rationale

As members of the United Church of Canada, we witness healing again and again in the scriptural narrative, and we are inspired by Isaiah 41:10:

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Further, we understand that an essential practice of Jesus Christ's ongoing healing ministry is to provide care for the spiritual and emotional health of all people, regardless of religious affiliation and background, particularly in times of crisis and stress.

Access to professional, qualified spiritual care is a right. Currently in Saskatchewan, Spiritual Care is limited to those patients and families who are not only connected to a formal faith community, but also to a formal faith community whose care providers are within visiting distance of the health care facility. In a just system, neither of these factors should affect a patient's access to Spiritual Care.

In support of this proposal, the boards of the SSHC and NSHC have compiled an information package including letters of support from multiple health care professionals. This package is available for delivery to decision-makers in the provincial government and health region.

Respectfully submitted May 14, 2021 by:

Daryl Woods, Chair of North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy

Randy Graham, Chair of South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy.

Living Skies Regional Council motion:

Moved by Ho Eun Lee/Darrell Reine:

That Living Skies Regional Council issue a formal request to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the provincial Minister of Health, and Premier of Saskatchewan for the re-instatement of funding and support for Spiritual Care programs in the provincial healthcare budget; and,

That Living Skies Regional Council encourage Communities of Faith and members/adherents throughout Living Skies Regional Council to contact their Members of Legislative Assembly with a request to re-instate funding and support for Spiritual Care programs in the provincial healthcare budget.

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LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL

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