

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Saturday, May 23 - Rekindling Hope: Reimagining Being and Doing
Church in a Changing World**

**Sunday, May 24 –Service of Praise and Celebration
Grace United Church, Weyburn, Saskatchewan**

Tuesday, November 3 on ZOOM –

**Thursday, November 5 on ZOOM –
Living Skies Regional Council Business Meeting**

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**LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL
Grace United Church
Weyburn, Saskatchewan**

**Rekindling Hope: Reimagining Being and Doing Church in a Changing
World and Celebration of Ministry Banquet**

Saturday, May 23:

- 9:30 am Gathering and Coffee
- 10:00 am Opening Worship and Theme Conversation
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Workshops and Opportunities to Connect
- 3:15 pm Closing Worship
- 4:00 pm Final blessing

- 6:00 pm Celebration of Ministry Service Banquet
(tickets required – purchase through registration form)



**Deep · Bold · Daring
Toward 2035**

Sunday, May 24:

- 10:30 am Service of Praise and Celebration of Ministry

**People with whom we are Celebrating
at the 2026 Celebration of Ministry Events**

<u>BEING COMMISSIONED</u>	
Jennifer Krall	
<u>BEING ADMITTED</u>	
Prince Nkhoswe	Adesegun (Trust) Oluwayemi

Those Retiring

Deb Anderson-Pratt

Those Celebrating Anniversaries

<p><u>60 YEARS</u> Bill Dearborn Alvin Hingley Wayne Knouse John Oussoren Bill Wall</p> <p><u>55 YEARS</u> <u>50 YEARS</u> Robert Brown Lorne Calvert</p> <p><u>45 YEARS</u> Greg Grace Holly Schick Tony Thompson Mike Williams</p> <p><u>40 YEARS</u> Teresa Jones Russell Mitchell-Walker</p>	<p><u>35 YEARS</u> Marjorie Keyser Jo Anne Knobbe Roland Legge</p> <p><u>30 YEARS</u> Peter Calhoun Darilyn Grigg Doug Ponto Linda Stumpf</p> <p><u>25 YEARS</u> Carole Beal McKenzie Bev Diduck Margaret Dieter Shelly Manley-Tannis Nora Vedress</p>
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Those for whom we mourn:

Arthur Cross	Terry McKague	J. Elaine MacLaughlin
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**CHAIR OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
PIOTR STREZELECKI
2025 - 2026**

I was born and raised in the mountains of Southern Poland. After three years of life in the order of Missionaries of the Holy Family, came to Canada in 1993 to continue my priestly formation. The UCC became my spiritual home in 2000 and in that home, I ministered in various capacities, various settings and in three provinces. My first experience of Canada was Saskatoon, and I always wanted to come back. So, in 2016 we came to St. Paul's in Kindersley; close enough 😊. In my ministry I try to embody the phrase *Dum Spiro Spero*, "As long as I breathe, there is hope."

**PAST CHAIR OF LIVING SKIES REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
DARRELL REINE
2023-2025**

Darrell was born and raised in Regina. After 23 years of working in administration with Ipsco (Averaz) Darrell embarked on his journey of Designated Lay Ministry. He served Long Lake for five years and then moved to Westminster, Regina and will be completing his fourteenth year there in June. Darrell and his partner Karen have three children and six grandchildren. Grace, Darrell's faithful companion is part of the ministry team at Westminster. In his spare time, Darrell enjoys gardening, cooking, wine, having Grace take him for walks and of course more work for the church.

**SERVICE OF PRAISE PREACHER
DAVID MUGADZI**

David Mugadzi is a Zimbabwean-born minister, theologian, lecturer, and social justice advocate currently serving with the United Church of Canada in Saskatchewan, Canada. Born and raised in the rural communities of Masvingo Province, Zimbabwe, David's life and ministry have been deeply shaped by faith, resilience, Ubuntu and a passion for community transformation.

Ordained in 2014 in the Reformed Church in Zimbabwe, David has served the church in various leadership capacities, including ecumenical leadership at the national level through the Zimbabwe Council of Churches. He also lectured in Zimbabwe for more than four years, contributing to theological and leadership development in higher tertiary education.

In June 2023, David joined the Preeceville-Sturgis United Church, where he continues to serve in rural ministry and community engagement. He holds a Bachelor Honours Degree in Theology and three master's degrees in Philosophy and Religious Studies, Theological Studies, and Governance and Leadership. David is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree with St. Andrew's College, focusing on church revitalization and rural ministry.

A gifted passionate preacher, scholar, and emerging author, David is passionate about missiology, intercultural ministry, liberation theology, governance and leadership development, and social justice advocacy. His recent co-authored book with Nosa and Prince was published on May 15, 2026, marking an important milestone in his growing writing ministry.

David is married to Faithful, and together they are blessed with three children: Tapiwanashe, Tinashe, and David Jnr. David's life motto is: I am still under construction, yes I am still work in progress....

A WHOLE PEOPLE'S COVENANT

Each of us comes as a pilgrim to this gathering of siblings in Christ. Each of us comes with our own cultural values, assumptions, and world views. Each one of us, and the cultures we represent, are God's living letters of faith, hope, love, and beauty. Therefore, we embrace the following Christian virtues that honour God and promote right relationship between us as we gather together and learn from one another:

We promise to relate to one another with

- respect;
- humility;
- patience;
- open-mindedness;
- courage; and
- the spirit of grace and forgiveness we have received in Christ Jesus.

We acknowledge the land that we stand upon by

- remembering that Indigenous peoples have walked these paths;
- understanding that we are one part of God's creation; and
- honouring future generations by preserving this land as they find their own paths.

In our Christian love for one another we will

- invite the Spirit into both our worship and business;
- attend to others with our whole selves: our physical senses, intuition, imagination, and intellect;
- speak for ourselves in the spirit of truth and gentleness, avoiding unhelpful generalizations and racial stereotypes;
- not interrupt when others are speaking;
- be mindful of language that is not inclusive;
- affirm the deep wisdom of silence and pause, as necessary, to ponder what others have said;
- seek to understand rather than win arguments and assume best intentions;
- hold our beliefs and opinions lightly; and
- hold one another in prayer.

HOLY MANNERS

The Very Reverend Marion Parry introduced Holy Manners as a resource for the 38th General Council 2003. Holy Manners has been used as resource for the conduct of meetings by subsequent General Councils and their executives. It has been adapted here for use as a resource by all councils and church bodies.

We will

- keep God at the centre of everything we do;
- each speak for ourselves;
- speak for a purpose;
- separate people from problems;
- allow for full and equitable participation;
- attend to others carefully without interruption;
- welcome the conflict of ideas;
- take a future orientation;
- demonstrate appreciation;
- honour the decisions of the body;
- commit to holding one another to account when we do not keep our holy manners;
- keep the discussion at the table;
- be mindful of our body language;
- check in about good use of time;
- allow the quiet people to speak, with an invitation to speak; and
- sincerely say what we really feel.

MEETING PROCEDURES

*(Numbering in this section is from the 2025 Manual Appendix pg. 190-193
and only includes sections relevant to this meeting)*

3.1 The Chair

The chair keeps a meeting of the council on track and may make rulings on procedure and the conduct of the meeting.

All members must be able to participate fully and comfortably.

Every voting member makes decisions on the basis of their own understanding of scripture and of the ethos of the United Church, in the light of Christian experience, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit at work in the meeting of the council.

Any member of the council may bring to the attention of the chair any concerns about how a motion is being dealt with.

When an agenda has been adopted that specifies the time for particular items, such time shall be strictly adhered to, unless the council decides otherwise by a 2/3 majority of those voting.

The chair does not participate in the discussion or vote except in the case of a tie. If the chair wants to express an opinion, then they move aside from the role and ask another member to chair until the matter is disposed of.

3.2 How to Conduct a Meeting

3.2.1 Process

A council may set its own process for conducting business. If the council has not set its own process, it follows the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules).

3.2.2 Motions

A council may only pass motions for which it has the authority and which do not contradict the decision of a higher council.

A motion contradicting a motion already passed at the same meeting is out of order, unless it is a motion to reconsider.

3.2.3 Challenging Rulings

A voting member may challenge a ruling of the chair at the time the ruling is made. The chair restates the ruling and may give reasons. The secretary then calls the vote without any discussion on whether the chair's ruling is sustained.

3.3 How to Amend a Motion

When a motion has been made and is open for discussion, any motion to amend must be dealt with before dealing with the original motion.

When all motions to amend have been dealt with, the council may deal with the final form of the original motion.

Any voting member, except the mover and seconder of the original motion, may make a motion to amend the original motion.

A motion to amend fails if there is no seconder.

A motion to amend may not change the intention of the original motion.

A separate vote must be taken for each motion to amend.

3.5 Motions That Interrupt the Meeting

At any time during a meeting, any voting member may make a motion to

- a) close discussion without a vote on the motion;
- b) fix the time to adjourn;
- c) adjourn;
- d) take an immediate vote (2/3 vote required);
- e) limit or extend limits of discussion (2/3 vote required);
- f) postpone discussion and decision on the motion to a definite time;
- g) refer the motion to another body or commission;
- h) amend/change the motion; or
- i) postpone discussion and decision on the motion indefinitely (without a specified time).

An original motion may be interrupted by any of the above motions.

While these motions are being dealt with, they may only be interrupted by a motion above it in the list.

3.6 How to Reconsider a Motion

A motion to reconsider a motion already passed may be made if no motion is under consideration. A motion to reconsider has the same priority as the motion to be reconsidered.

Only a voting member who voted "yes" for the original motion may move the motion to reconsider. This motion must be seconded by a voting member.

A motion to reconsider in an ongoing meeting must be approved by 2/3 of the voting members present.

The revised motion may be reconsidered if a motion is changed on reconsideration and passed.

A motion on which action has been taken may not be reconsidered.

3.7 Additional Procedures

In any point not covered in The Manual, the parliamentary rules accepted in Canada (Bourinot's Rules) will be followed.

OTHER:

Divide a Motion (seriatim) This is a request to vote on a motion in parts rather than in total. A seconder is required. If two persons ask, the chairperson must grant the request.

Point of Information Any person can go to a microphone, interrupt debate and ask for information. For example, "What page is this on?" or "Who is speaking?".

Point of Order Any person can interrupt to challenge or question procedures. For example, "We didn't vote", or "President, we are debating this motion to table and we shouldn't be."

Point of Privilege Any person can interrupt debate to raise point of privilege. For example, "Our table group doesn't have copies of this motion" or "Could you please repeat the motion, I didn't hear it."