

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting  
Trinity United Church  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – *held in lower hall at 7 pm*

Present: Pam Lotun, Lynne Sanderson, Alan Brown, Donna Matthews, Lesia Case, Kim Guy, Tanis Essery, Diane Routledge

Regrets: Stephanie Verhoeven, Denise Stairs

Call to Order: 6:58 p.m.

Land acknowledgment

As we meet, we remember that we gather on Treaty 1 land. This is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dene, Dakota, and Oji-Cree nations and is the homeland of the Metis.

Opening Prayer

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes from August 30, 2023 as circulated.

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Alan Brown

**Carried**

Correspondence:

Concert proposal: Danny Carroll, Winnipeg Musician/Composer

I would like to apply to perform a concert at Trinity United in October, on a Friday evening. (13, 20 or 27)

The intent is to create an atmosphere for people that is relaxing and calm. I also share stories and thoughts through spoken and musical sharing of some of my journey, and of the music.

I would plan the concert for 7:30 pm, with load in and set up at 4pm. The concert will be approximately 90 minutes, and load out from 9-10pm

I use SHOWPASS for purchasing advance tickets on line. And would like to have tickets available at the door also. (Would there be a volunteer or staff member that could help with that?)

I understand that the piano's last tuning was in April. If there is no tuning done by the church before the concert date I would ask that I could hire a tuner to do it (perhaps split the cost?)

You can check out my bio on my webpage here: <https://www.dannycarroll.ca>

I have just performed at my album release concert Aug 30 at Westworth United Church in Winnipeg. The concert supports the release of the album KEYS FOR TRANSFORMATION on Sept 1. This is all original compositions. You can hear the album on all of you favourite streaming sites (Spotify, Apple Music)

OR here at my BANDCAMP site:

BANDCAMP <https://dannycarrollsoftheheart.bandcamp.com/music>

These compositions combine gentle grand piano-centred melodies with strings and some electronics. My neo classical-crossover style has the intent of providing an intimate sound healing experience that will help to connect you to the sounds of your heart, and support your personal journey of transformation.

For concerts outside of Winnipeg I am hoping to bring some string players with me. That will be determined later. I will perform 6 of the tunes on the album, and the rest is other solo piano works.

Discussion held. Felt that if he is making money from this concert he should be paying to rent the space. As well, if he is requiring the piano to be tuned, he should cover that cost as we have already had it done and it is not felt that it should be needed again, especially given the number of times it has been used since April (summer services)

Motion: To allow Danny Carroll to rent the sanctuary on October 13, but with no involvement from Trinity.

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Tanis Essery

**Carried**

#### Discussions and Decisions:

Discussion to decide if we will continue with the 4x4 ft. "advertising" sign placed on the southeast corner of the law sign.

Motion: We will discontinue the sign at the end of the initial three month commitment

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Donna Matthews

**Carried**

#### Finance Report:

Motion: to accept the financials as presented:

Moved by: Donna Matthews

Seconded by: Alan Brown

**Carried**

Calendar Review- Reviewed. Donna will be placing orange ribbons on the stairs for National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30.

Worship Plan and Pulpit Supply:

Sylvia has exhausted all efforts and is unable to find anyone to lead Thanksgiving Sunday.

Motion: To cancel Trinity services on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8 as we will have no Leadership.

Moved by: Kim Guy

Seconded by: Diane Routledge

All in Favour

**Carried**

Addendum to the minutes:

Motion to cancel Trinity services on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8 rescinded. Sylvia received an email September 14 from John Stanford saying he is able lead worship on October 8.

There have been three requests come in for baptism (families connected to Trinity). Jacquie has taken their contact information, telling them nothing is planned at this time. Requests have also come in for communion. Coverage for both needs it to be a United Church clergy, and Lynne isn't scheduled for any Sundays here until December 3.

Karen Tjaden may be able to give communion, Kim will ask Sylvia to reach out. Otherwise, Lynne could do it on December 3.

Discussion about the baptisms: It seems unfair to ask a visiting minister to baptize families they do not know. We should hold off until we have a regular minister again if possible.

Tabled discussion of hosting joint Christmas Eve services with McKenzie United.

Sunday School:

- The Go Project curriculum has been ordered & invitations have gone out by email
- Sunday School programming will run from September (17) through Christmas, and then pause until Lent begins.

M&P Report: Discussed Thanksgiving services

UCW Report: Produce, Preserves & Pastry sale will go ahead on September 17 following worship

Property:

- Mitchell is looking into placing a speed bump to the parking lot. He's looking for quotes and best options. This is in addition to signage that will be placed at the east end of the parking lot.

Stewardship: will meet October 05

Trustees: no report

Structure Support Team: Meeting planned soon

TriniTidings: No plans at the moment

Tech Support and Equipment needs:

Prairie to Pine Region: No report

Affirming Ministry: No report

Saturday Breakfasts: Not enough interest at this time. Question brought forward about looking for families to volunteer?

Coverage for Julie's work and other church stuff. As listed:

Sundays:

- Music: M&P has planned a hymn sing for worship on September 10. We are no longer using recorded music; choir is back to lead & support congregational singing.
- Big picture themes and coordination (worship committee?) Not really happening at present except through Jacquie.
- Pulpit supply – covered above
- Technology – Pam uploads Sunday's sermons to Youtube. Julie programs social media content, and Tanis and Pam also add content.
- Sunday Hosting: has been absorbed into house group duties

Pastoral care:

- Funerals – we have a list of people who are able to do funerals for us. Lesia Case is the volunteer point person for 'after hours'.
- On demand pastoral care calls – Brenda Brand has suggested that she might be available for emergency on demand or pastoral calls. Jacquie and Lesia are working together should any of these referrals be required.
- Personal care homes – shut ins
- Hospital and palliative care
- General community building

Meetings:

- Lynne Sanderson is required for any decision making meetings (Trustees, Leadership Team, Annual meeting)

New or unfinished Business:

*Flourishing Project comes to Winnipeg* - The Moderator, The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, seeks to engage both church and broader Canadian society in this question of flourishing, and how it could influence our future. With the goal of enhancing "flourishing" in church, among our

leadership, and within the broader community, the Moderator is on a three-year journey to engage the nation on the big questions. She will be in Winnipeg the week of September 25 for various forums and invites local church leaders and ministry personnel to spend a day with the Moderator, engaging in reflection and energizing activities toward dream-oriented actions for our churches and communities. **Sept 29, 2023, at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.** *It would be helpful to have one or two representatives attend this September 29 event.* In person at The United Church in Meadowood 1111 Dakota St., Winnipeg, MB R2N 3T7. More details and registration form is available through Jacque. After discussion and clarification of the expectation of further commitment not required, Kim will check with Denise about attending this event together.

To flourish, our church needs leaders of all identities and backgrounds. Moderator Carmen Lansdowne wants to engage with the church in developing ministry leaders for the 21st century. The Leadership Program is connected to the Moderator's Flourishing project and is a pilot project to support and strengthen a diverse group of ministry personnel leaders in The United Church of Canada.

You are invited to nominate someone – or to apply yourself as ministry personnel – for this two-year opportunity and commitment. Successful candidates will be asked to commit to this two-year project, anticipating that they will be able to use continuing education time and allowance in order to participate. Only fifty Ministry Personnel will be chosen to participate. For more details about the program and the application form which is due soon, please talk to Jacque.

Category 3 Remit: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

Remit—NIC 01: Restructuring of the Indigenous Church

Lynne has posed the question, “Are we prepared as a Leadership team, to vote on this matter?” Most would like to review the information again. Tentatively planning to vote at our November meeting.

Membership Status Update:

*New members*

*Transfer:*

*Deaths*

Members:

Adherents & Other:

Closing Prayer

**Next Meeting:** October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 7:52 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Pam Lotun, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Tanis Essery, Secretary