

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting  
Trinity United Church  
Thursday, June 19, 2025  
*Held in-person Meeting Room*

Present: Tanis Essery, Julie Baker, Elijah Mwandila, Cassandra Pehura, Sandra Falk, Donna Matthews, Diane Routledge

Regrets: Stephanie Verhoeven, Sylvia Lyall, Kaylee Routledge, Kelly Haapamaki

Call to Order 7pm

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 Reflection and Prayer offered by Julie Baker

Correspondence:

Email from Knox United Church, Oakville regarding possibilities for collaborative ministry. They thank us for the discussion and will think of us if they need us. They are financially sound and have a minister.

Discussions and Decisions:

Request from Big Brothers-Big Sisters to host their Winter Wonderland event again – this year the weekend of November 28-30. Tanis Essery has agreed to go with this and everyone present agreed.

A new “hymn book” that is not a hymn book has been released by The United Church of Canada. The plan is that it will all be available online in digital format. That part has not been released. In the meantime, there are physical books that have been produced and are available to order even now. Do we wish to purchase any of the physical books? The regular music books are \$32.95 each, and the accompanist versions are \$49.95 each. (There is a 10% discount at present as well).

Motion: Cassandra Pehura- to purchase 15 physical hymn books and 2 accompanist versions

Second: Sandra Falk

Carried

Pride Parade in Portage is July 5. The parade route has been changed, and for the first time, is coming past Trinity church. Stephanie sent us the following note, as she is not able to be at the meeting:

*Hello,*

*I see on the leadership meeting minutes there is mention of the Pride parade on July 5 and that there would be more discussion at this month's meeting. Initially I thought we would be away at that time, but plans have changed and I will be around. I'd be interested and available to help with something outside the church during the time of the parade. If we wanted to invite people from our congregation to join us outside to welcome and cheer on the folks walking in the parade, I could commit to being there. I could bring some poster board and markers for people to make signs and have some suggested slogans or words to put on them if folks need ideas. Could we also perhaps invite other area United Churches to join us?*

*I'm willing to do a bit of work on this, however I am away June 24-30. I am imagining something that doesn't require a lot of planning I will wait to hear after the meeting what's decided and if/how I can help.*

*-Suggest putting something in the announcements about this and if anyone wanted to come out to cheer the walkers on. Wanting a group for more of a presence and keeping it simple such as handing out water, putting up Trinity's Love poster in front of the church.*

Review of Centennial – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration June 8 - The cold wind and rain forced a change of venue at the last minute. Instead of being in the park, things were moved to McKenzie United Church. Attendance was close to 200 people. The choir had 29 singers. Costs were much lower than anticipated, because we no longer had to pay for the chairs and tables and tent and porta-potties, etc. The coordinating group met on June 17 to wrap up the project. -The money that was left will be divided amongst the churches to go to Mission and Service fund. There was a little over \$4000 not used.

Overall, the celebration went well and everyone was happy with it. The joint choir discussed maybe getting together and offering a musical event in the future.

Property Committee Revitalization – At the last meeting we received a request to consider bringing back a property committee by the rise of next annual meeting. Are we going to pursue this, and if so, how?

-Put something in the announcements about bringing a committee back after summer. Looking for more than 2 people. Donna will take care of the nominating function with the help from Elijah.

#### Finance Report:

Motion: to approve the financial statements as presented

Moved: Donna

Seconded: Cassandra

Carried

M&P Report: Sandra presented info from meeting. Julie will be away June 30-Aug 4, Elijah away Aug 4-Sept 2, 8-15, Jacquie July 21-25, Aug 11-15 and asked to go to funeral July 11, Don July 1-15. Floors to be done in July.

Calendar Review: All good.

Joint Coordinating Team: Joint Coordinating Team will meet in Sept.

Worship Review and Plan

Coming up: June 22 & 29 – Julie at Trinity; Elijah at MacGregor (On the 29<sup>th</sup>, MacGregor is having a special ecumenical service)

July 06 & 13 – McKenzie United

July 20 & 27 – St. Mary's

August 3 & 10 – Trinity (there is no summer house group, so Jacquie assumes she will find volunteers for the house group jobs). Elijah will lead on August 3 and Julie will lead August 10

August 17 & 24 – First Presbyterian

August 31 – Joint service between McKenzie, Trinity, St. Mary's and First Presbyterian; location yet to be determined (perhaps McKenzie). Julie will work with other churches to plan. Zoom will be available for St Mary's service, but not for the other churches.

Planning will start in August when Julie is back from vacation.

In September, we are engaging in the Prairie to Pine Region's pulpit exchange project for minority ministers. We have been matched with Steinbach/Niverville (another collaborative ministry), so Elijah will go there on September 7 and Simba will come here and lead worship on September 21. What plans need to be made in advance for September 21? Can they wait until September, or do we need to begin putting things in place now?

- Sandra talked to UCW and they are planning on a lunch available for Sept 21. There will be expenses with this. Elijah will work with Simba about service here at Trinity. This should be shared with congregation through announcements.

CE/Faith Formation/ Sunday School Report -Cadence may be around next year? Max Chappellaz might be an option too.

Group Study- In the fall, Julie is looking at confirmation for a group.

UCW Report: Sandra met June 18. Motions for allotments to M&S and the church. 1 funeral lunch coming up for Roy Lyall.

Property: Annual security monitoring through All Star Alarms has been renewed for another year.

Trustees

Safe Workplace Task Group:

Vienna has let Stephanie know that she plans to hold a MHFA course for the public on Aug 22 all day (likely 9 am start). If this date works, we can wait for her to post it and then register. Other than Jacquie (and Julie if she can swing the date) is anyone else interested in getting in on this

first course? Is there anyone else that we would invite to register for the course (that the church would pay for?)

Motion: If congregation members want to attend MHFA course, Trinity will cover the cost.

Moved: Donna

Seconded: Sandra

Carried

TriniTidings: The next one is scheduled for September, although a specific date has not yet been set. An announcement about Simba being at Trinity in September should be in prior to September.

#### Prairie to Pine Region

Many of the events that used to be a part of “conference” have been happening this month in little pieces. Pensioners met for an event on June 10, which, from all reports, was good (and loud! – a lot of talking). The 8 retirees from our region were honoured at a banquet at Meadowood United Church on Saturday June 14. (Julie attended). The annual Celebration of Ministries Service was held at MacGregor on Sunday June 15. As Elijah was admitted into The United Church of Canada, there was a good representation of Trinity people who came to the service. The actual “meeting” part for the region will happen in the fall. The General Council will meet this August in Calgary.

Many places across the country have been doing 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary observations of a variety of kinds. The national anniversary service was held at Gower St. United Church in Newfoundland, and is available to watch on the United Church’s Youtube Channel. There was also a Vision TV special on June 10 that showed clips of the ways that some churches across the country were acknowledging the centennial.

Affirming Ministry: (see discussions and decisions re: Pride Parade)

#### Membership Status Update:

*New members*

*Transfer:*

*Deaths*

Members:

#### Adherents & Other:

Roy Lyall, May 28, 2025

***Next Meeting: Sept 10, 2025***

Closing Prayer was shared by Elijah

Adjournment: 8:26pm

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Tanis Essery, Chair

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