

Trinity United Church Leadership Team Meeting
Trinity United Church
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Held in-person Meeting Room

Present: Tanis Essery, Donna Matthews, Sandra Falk, Kelly Haapamaki, Cassandra Pehura, Julie Baker, Diane Routledge, Sylvia Lyall

Regrets: Elijah Mwandila, Stephanie Verhoeven, Kaylee Routledge

Call to Order: 7:04pm

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 – The group watched a video introducing new moderator Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from UCC Theology & Ministry Leadership regarding the recent committee appointment of Elijah as a member of the Admissions Board.

Broadview Magazine – Broadview's publishing schedule update – beginning in fall 2025, Broadview will transition to an annual subscription model featuring six print issues in 2026. Cost will remain the same at \$30/annual. Correspondence passed around.

Leith Saunders from McKenzie sent an email inquiry regarding joint worship services during the season of Advent and Christmas. The Leadership Team is open to possibilities and will discuss again after Elijah is back and further conversation can be held among the ministers.

Discussions and Decisions:

Property Committee Revitalization – Mitchell Omichinski, Kyle Rushton, Mitch Pangilinan, Donna Matthews, have agreed to meet and form a new and improved property committee. Elijah and Donna will coordinate a meeting of the group scheduled for next Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

A/V Broken Projector Dilemma

Jacque submitted a report of all of the information she has been able to obtain regarding a new A/V system. At this time, we are asking people to provide quotes for their recommendations.

Gifts for Confirmands October 26

Motion: that a budget of \$250 be authorized from the Memorial Fund for confirmation gifts.

Moved: Donna

Second: Sylvia

Carried

Finance Report:

With the current mail strike and invoices and payments needing to be made, Jacquie is in the process of setting up online banking bill payment and etransfer options at Stride Credit Union. Our banking status has been updated to small business banking, and still requires a combination of two signatures (Jacquie, Donna, Kim). Diane will contact someone at Stride to see if there are ways to maintain checks and balances but also use some of the more convenient online options.

Motion: that the financial report be accepted as presented

Moved: Donna

Second: Cassandra

Carried

M&P Report: Sandra gave advance notice that Jacquie will be encouraged to attend the administration conference in Saskatoon again in 2026. We will wait to authorize any expenses until next year, but want to include consideration in the budgeting process.

Calendar Review:

Joint Coordinating Team: The team talked about ways that the two churches can support one another. (For example, if technology is an issue for a service when MacGregor is trying to zoom into Trinity, they could make use of the printed worship material that has been prepared by Trinity). It was further agreed that Trinity and MacGregor would share an Advent theme this year.

Worship Review and Plan

Coming up in Worship:

October 19 "Seeking Peace With Others – Jacob and Esau" (Elijah)

October 26 "Seeking Peace With Others – Isaac and his Neighbours" – baptism/confirmation special service, with lunch to follow (Julie)

Sandra will represent the leadership team for confirmation and Diane will fill in as zoom host while Pam is being confirmed. Aleesha is working with the UCW and house group coffee hosts to provide refreshments for the congregation.

November 2 "Seeking Peace with Others – Abigail and David" – In Memoriam (Elijah to preach; Julie to create liturgy, including In Memoriam)

November 9 "Seeking Peace with Others – Elisha and the Soldiers" (Julie)

November 16 "Seeking Peace with Creation – God Tends a Garden" (Elijah)

November 23 "Seeking Peace with Creation – Stewardship Sunday" (Julie)

CE/Faith Formation/ Sunday School Report – Cadence has agreed to be available every Sunday (with a couple of exceptions) to lead Sunday School for whoever shows up, regardless of age. Kelly has started her "tots" music program. We hoped to begin our Sprouts program on Sunday,

but did not have children for that group. We did however, have some older kids for Cadence to work with. Kelly plans to hold a “tots” session October 19. Cadence’s next possible Sprouts day is October 26. We will evaluate our plans again in November.

Group Study- The Faith Talk Adult Confirmation Group has been meeting and is preparing to celebrate confirmation on October 26 with 5 new members (see below).

UCW Report: No report, but a meeting is planned for October 15. Produce, Preserves & Pastry after worship October 05 brought in \$259.

Property:

Fall servicing on our boiler has been performed. The lift on south side required maintenance; a small metal piece blocked the door from fully closing. The newly formed Property Team will meet the week of October 20.

Big Brothers / Big Sisters Suggestion/Request

Donna will start the process for dialogue and will send out an invitation to have a meeting with these groups. The next step may be to set a date.

Stewardship: The stewardship team is working at putting together a theme package to share with the congregation in November. They wish to focus on a theme of forgiveness. Elijah is working with the team on the printed material and Julie is preparing a Stewardship Sunday to be held November 23.

Trustees: No report

Safe Workplace Task Group: No report

TriniTidings: The next issue will go out November 21 with content due by November 14.

Prairie to Pine Region

The Prairie to Pine region will be having online meetings on November 10 and 13. Our reps to this meeting are our ministers, Kelly Haapamaki and Brenda Brand, and registration deadline is November 4.

Kelly shared information regarding upcoming events in the region, and announcements from the Prairie to Pine newsletter, including:

The upcoming Youth Retreat (gr 7-12) is in Virden Oct 24-26. Kelly plans to check in with some of our youth directly to encourage attendance.

There are World Food day resources available, and Kelly is hoping to introduce Jack Grunsky’s song to the Sunday School children: "What About the Needs of the Children?"

McKenzie United is hosting an educational event for lay worship leaders on October 17.

A video “Leave a Legacy of Change” is available about the impact of legacy giving in the United Church. This could be passed on to the stewardship team.

Affirming Ministry: The Regional Equity and Diversity committee is hosting an online workshop on Unconscious Bias, Monday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 pm CST, for 90 minutes. With trained resource people, it will focus on offering a very accessible, basic introduction to bias: what it is, how it can impact relationships between individuals and between communities, and how we can move past it to turn diversity into an asset instead of a perceived division. We will advertise this event in announcements and Kelly will talk to Brenda B about whether she would be interested in attending and reporting back to the Leadership team.

Membership Status Update:

New members

Motion to approve candidates for baptism:

Gracie Brown Ham, daughter of April Brown & Tyler Ham

Araya Grace Pangilinan, daughter of Aleesha & Mitchel Pangilinin

Moved: Cassandra

Second: Kelly

Carried

Motion to approve candidates for confirmation:

Tanis Essery, Pam Lotun, Cassandra Pehura, Mitch Pangilinan, Aleesha Pangilinan

Moved: Sandra

Second: Donna

Carried

Transfer:

Deaths

Members:

Winnie McDonald, September 13, 2025

Barbara Bradley, September 26, 2025

Marion Thompson, October 08, 2025

Adherents & Other:

Eileen Mutcher, September 30, 2025

Next Meeting: Nov 20, 2025

Closing Prayer was shared at 8:37pm and meeting was adjourned.

_____ Tanis Essery, Chair

_____ Diane Routledge, Secretary