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St. Paul's United Church of Canada
Annual Congregational Meeting
Estevan, SK — March 5, 2023

Attendance:

In Person: Nancy Shirley, Graham Shirley, Shirley Andrist, Shirley Batters, Al Batters, Lynn Kindopp, Gail Schlamp, Leroy Schlamp, Dave Matchett, Marguerite Galloway, Linda Murphy, Lori Holden, Sandi Klatt, Emily Gillies, Donna Burnard, Lawrence Burnard, Lynn Senchuk, Audrey Johnson, Eileen Brown, Paul Deren, Cheryl Deren, Graham Penney, Greg Suchan, Wendy Suchan, Larry Lindblad, Vivian Lindblad, Rose Cuddington, Vicki Winter, Kaye Hemus, Violet Brown, Roda David Sein, Thein Aye, Jean Bode, Dennis Bode, Diane Wrubleski, Marilyn McCutcheon, Susan Reed, Julie-Anne Wallewein

Via Zoom: Astrid Friesen, Nadine Donovan, Mike Donovan

1. Call to Order

- Chairperson Diane Wrubleski opened the meeting at 12:30 pm in person and via Zoom software

2. Devotional Prayer

- Susan Reed provided a devotion

3. Motion to Enable

MOVED BY Wendy Suchan, SECONDED BY Dennis Bode

That all those present and virtually present who regularly participate in the life of St. Paul's & Knox United Church congregations be allowed to participate fully in the meeting and vote on temporal matters. CARRIED.

4. Approval of Agenda

MOVED BY Lawrence Burnard, SECONDED BY Lori Holden

That the proposed agenda for St. Paul's International Charge Annual Congregational Meeting dated March 5, 2023, be approved. CARRIED.
(See Appendix A)

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5. Approval of Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting

MOVED BY Wendy Suchan, SECONDED BY Jean Bode

That the minutes of St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting held on April 3, 2022, be approved as circulated and posted. CARRIED.

6. Business arising from the minutes

- No old business

7. Acceptance of Annual Reports

MOVED BY Vivian Lindblad, SECONDED BY Wendy Suchan

That St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge Annual Report for 2022 be accepted. CARRIED

8. Approval of 2022 Financial Statement

MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Cheryl Deren

That the 2022 Financial Statement of St. Paul's United Church be accepted. CARRIED

9. Approval of 2022 Financial Review

MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Sandi Klatt

That the 2022 Financial Review of St. Paul's United Church be accepted. CARRIED

10. Receive 2022 Financial Review for St. Paul's International Charge

MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Wendy Suchan

That the 2022 Financial Review of St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge be received for information. CARRIED

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11. Approval of 2023 Budget

MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Leroy Schlamp

That the 2023 proposed budget for St. Paul's United Church be accepted as presented. CARRIED

12. Nominations

12.1 Leadership Team Members

MOVED BY Paul Deren, SECONDED BY Sandi Klatt

That Greg Suchan be nominated to St. Paul's United Church Leadership Team. CARRIED

MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Kaye Hemus

That Wendy Suchan be nominated to St. Paul's United Church Leadership Team. CARRIED

12.2 Ministry and Personnel Committee

There were no changes to the Ministry and Personnel Committee

12.3 Trustees

There were no changes to the Trustees.

13. Appointments

13.1 Treasurer

MOVED BY Sandi Klatt, SECONDED BY Gail Schlamp

That Don Kindopp be appointed Treasurer for St. Paul's United Church. CARRIED

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13.2 Recording Secretary for Leadership Team

MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Donna Burnard

That Astrid Friesen be appointed Recording Secretary for St. Paul's United Church. CARRIED

13.3 Representative to the Dr. A.E. Elliot Education Fund

MOVED BY Sandi Klatt, SECONDED BY Wendy Suchan

That Diane Wrubleski be appointed as our representative to the Dr. A. E. Elliott Education Fund. CARRIED

13.4 Representative(s) to Regional Council

MOVED BY Diane Wrubleski, SECONDED BY Gail Schlamp

That Don Kindopp be appointed as our representative(s) to Living Skies Regional Meeting and that the Leadership Team have the power to appoint additional representatives. CARRIED

14. New Business

14.1 Ecumenical Shared Ministry

MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Shirley Batters

BACKGROUND:

An ecumenical shared ministry is people worshipping and serving God in a unified way while still maintaining their denominational identity and connections.

Ecumenical shared ministries are most often formed when there are two or more small faith communities that cannot support themselves, but continue to have a common need for Christian fellowship and a strong desire to worship God together. Formerly this was most common in rural communities; now it is also occurring in urban centres. Ecumenical shared ministries are also formed when faith communities of different denominations believe that they will be better able to provide Christian outreach and ministry together rather than separately.

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14.1 Ecumenical Shared Ministry continued

Interested individuals of St. Giles, St. Paul's and Trinity Lutheran churches have met over the 2 past years or so to discuss and share around the concept of an Ecumenical Shared Ministry. As a result of these discussions, it is proposed by this group that the motion below be dealt with at the upcoming annual meetings (2023) of each church.

MOTION:

THAT

- St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge appoint three of its members to a joint ecumenical shared ministry committee to develop a proposal for an ecumenical shared ministry involving the faith communities of St. Giles Anglican Church, St. Paul's United Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church;
- the proposal to be presented to the faith communities of the three churches for study and discernment periodically during the year at Leadership Team meetings and at their next annual meetings (2024);
- the three faith communities agree to share equally in any costs for consultancy incurred by the joint ecumenical ministry committee in developing this proposal.

The Three appointed members representing St. Paul's United Church are Sandi Klatt, Cheryl Deren, and Lori Holden. CARRIED

14.2 Community of Faith Update

Cheryl Deren with some comments from Emily Gillies provided an update on the Community of Faith Report. A meeting in the future will be held for more information in this regard.

15. Speaker's Time

- various members of the church spoke of their concerns for the future of St. Paul's. We pray for guidance.
- Susan Reed is seeking another Charge and will no longer be our Regional Council Representative. Diane Wrubleski gave thanks to her for all her help over the years and wished her all the best for her future.

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16. Adjournment

MOVED BY Paul Deren, SECONDED BY Greg Suchan

That St. Paul's 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

17. Benediction

- Susan Reed offered the benediction

Diane Wrubleski, Chair

Julie-Anne Wallewein,
Recording Secretary

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**APPENDIX A
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Devotional Prayer
3. Motion to Empower:
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Acceptance of Annual Reports
8. Approval of 2022 Financial Statement
9. Approval of 2022 Financial Review
10. Receive 2021 Financial Review for St. Paul's International Charge
11. Approval of 2023 Budget
12. Nominations
 - 12.1. Leadership Team Members
 - 12.2. Ministry & Personnel Committee
 - 12.3. Trustees
13. Appointments
 - 13.1. Treasurer
 - 13.2. Recording Secretary for Leadership Team
 - 13.3. Representative(s) to Regional Council
 - 13.4. Representative to the Dr. A. E. Elliott Education Fund
14. New Business
 - 14.1. Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee appointments
 - 14.2. Community of Faith Report
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