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St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
Estevan, SK — March 10, 2024

**Attendance:** Nadine Donovan, Mike Donovan, Astrid Friesen, Kaye Hemus, Vicki Winter, Doe Moo Thay, K'nyaw Paw, Marguerite Galloway, Dave Matchett, Emily Gillies, Brenda Strong, Rose Cuddington, Vivian Lindblad, Larry Lindblad, Leroy Schlamp, Gail Schlamp, Eileen Brown, Audrey Johnson, Diane Wrubleski, Cheryl Deren, Paul Deren, Tania Andrist, Shirley Andrist, Donna Burnard, Lawrence Burnard, Marilyn McCutcheon, Lynn Senchuk, Allan Batters, Shirley Batters, Jim Pratt, Judy Pratt, Lynn Kindopp, Don Kindopp, Cindy Burnham, Odessa Sherbaniuk, Jarno de Ruitter, Jordan Cantwell (Living Skies Regional Representative)

**1. Call to Order**

- Chairperson Diane Wrubleski opened the meeting at 12:36 am

**2. Devotional Prayer**

- Jordan Cantwell provided a devotion

**3. Motion to Empower**

*MOVED BY Emily Gillies, SECONDED BY Gail Schlamp*

THAT all those 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 Marilyn McCutcheon, SECONDED BY Judy Pratt*

THAT the proposed agenda for St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting dated March 10, 2024 be approved. CARRIED.

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**5. Approval of Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting**

*MOVED BY Sandi Klatt, SECONDED BY Gail Schlamp*

THAT the minutes of St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting held on March 5, 2023 be approved as circulated and posted. CARRIED.

**6. Business arising from the minutes**

- No old business

**7. Acceptance of Annual Reports**

*MOVED BY Paul Deren, SECONDED BY Emily Gillies*

THAT St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge Annual Report for 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

**8. Approval of 2023 Financial Statement**

*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Sandi Klatt*

THAT the 2023 Financial Statement of St. Paul's United Church be accepted. CARRIED

**9. Approval of 2023 Financial Review**

*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Mike Donovan*

THAT the 2023 Financial Review of St. Paul's United Church be accepted. CARRIED

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**10. Receive 2023 Financial Review for St. Paul's International Charge**

*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Emily Gillies*

THAT the 2023 Financial Review of St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge be received for information. CARRIED

**11. Approval of 2024 Budget**

*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Cheryl Deren*

THAT the 2024 proposed budget for St. Paul's United Church be accepted as presented. CARRIED

**12. Nominations**

**12.1 Leadership Team Members**

*MOVED BY Sandi Klatt, SECONDED BY Shirley Batters*

THAT Judy Pratt be nominated to St. Paul's United Church Leadership Team. CARRIED

**12.2 Ministry and Personnel Committee**

*MOVED BY Jim Pratt, SECONDED BY Sandi Klatt*

THAT Odessa Sherbaniuk be nominated to St. Paul's Pastoral Charge Ministry/Personnel Committee. CARRIED

**12.3 Trustees**

*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Mike Donovan*

THAT Dennis Bode, Diane Wrubleski, and Paul Deren remain confirmed as the members of the Trustees. CARRIED

**13. Appointments**

**13.1 Treasurer**

*MOVED BY Paul Deren, SECONDED BY Shirley Andrist*

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

**13.2 Recording Secretary for Leadership Team**

*MOVED BY Marilyn McCutcheon, SECONDED BY Lynn Senchuk*

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

**13.3 Representative(s) to Regional Council**

*MOVED BY Sandi Klatt, 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

**13.4 Representative to the Dr. A.E. Elliot Education Fund**

*MOVED BY Sandi Klatt, SECONDED BY Gail Schlamp*

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

**14. New Business**

**14.1 Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee Report**

The **Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee** presents the following recommendations for consideration and vote at the Annual General Meetings of the congregations of St. Giles Anglican, St. Paul's United, and Trinity Lutheran. The

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Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee recommends that the numbered recommendations be presented in order and be voted on individually.

*MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Jim Pratt*

1. THAT the current Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee continue to meet, cooperating with the leadership teams of all three congregations, to develop **recommendations** regarding:
  - the **name** for the ecumenical shared ministry - including input from the congregational members,
  - shared **worship practices** - all three traditions will be honoured,
  - **shared facilities** - an extensive assessment of need and value of existing properties will be conducted,
  - **shared leadership** - ministry team including one clergy, able to serve needs of all three denominations, and possibly an additional lay person or clergy based on determined needs, and
  - **shared operational finances** - to be determined based on decisions on/results of above. CARRIED

*MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Jim Pratt*

2. THAT, in the interim, the current practice of shared worship be on the **4th Sunday** of each month, thus increasing to 12 Sundays/year, and that a **joint Worship Committee** of up to 3 members (including clergy) from each congregation be created to plan these services (possibly including Sunday School), ensuring that all traditions are respected. CARRIED

*MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Jim Pratt*

3. THAT, in the interim, a **Pastoral/Community Care Committee** be formed, with representation from each congregation, to ensure that pastoral care needs (hospital visitation, shut-in visitation, visiting the bereaved...) are met for all three congregations and that we work together to help meet the needs of our community. CARRIED

*MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Jim Pratt*

4. THAT the costs of the use of **Trinity Centres Foundation, up to \$40,000.00**, to support the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee and leadership teams of all three congregations in creating a strategy for the use of the three church buildings that considers wider missional, neighbourhood, community, and charitable objectives. CARRIED

*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Marilyn McCutcheon*

- THAT St. Paul's United Church inform the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee that in our support of the 4<sup>th</sup> recommendation, that we will be responsible for one third of the cost. CARRIED

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*MOVED BY Don Kindopp, SECONDED BY Paul Deren*

- THAT the financial portion for the 4<sup>th</sup> recommendation be taken from the General Fund and/or the Bequest Fund. CARRIED

*MOVED BY Cheryl Deren, SECONDED BY Jim Pratt*

5. THAT a **covenant be signed, including the above recommendations**, between the congregations of St. Giles Anglican, St. Paul's United, and Trinity Lutheran and an Ecumenical Shared Ministry be formed. CARRIED

**Prayer: We pray for** the congregations of St. Giles Anglican, St. Paul's United, and Trinity Lutheran, that we all keep the work of the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee, the congregations' leadership teams, and the ministry needs of our community in our prayers during this time of transition.

### 15. Speaker's Time

- Knox United Church News – Emily Gillies
  - They are currently in the process of selling the church building to the Village of North Portal
- Auditorium Sales
  - Lynn Kindopp is no longer going to be organizing these fundraisers
    - We need volunteers
    - We also need sale items
- Lenten Lunches
  - Thanks for the help and we had plenty of people in attendance
  - Because the Lenten Lunch happened to be on International Women's Day, the money was donated to Envision
- Appreciations
  - Our staff, Patty Schachtel and David Seipp
  - Diane Wrubleski for being the chair of the Leadership Team
  - Don Kindopp for all that he does for the church

### 16. Adjournment

*MOVED BY Paul Deren, SECONDED BY Gail Schlamp*

THAT St Paul's International Pastoral Charge 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

### 17. Benediction

- Jordan Cantwell offered the benediction

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Diane Wrubleski, Chair

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Astrid Friesen, Recording Secretary

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