



## Trinity United Church Annual Report 2022



### ***Trinity United Church Vision:***

To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus.

We believe that all people are children of God, and we embrace the fullness of our diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social economic status, or any other human division as we unite in worship and full participation in all aspects of our ministry.

As a congregation we are committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

## Official Board and Committees 2023

### *Church Staff*

**Minister:** Rev. Doug Neufeld  
**Administrative Assistant:** Eden Snider  
**Caretaker:** Jim Hurd  
**Pianist:** Holly Walker  
**Music Director:** Davis Placatka

### *Official Board and Committee Members*

**Chair:** Gloria McMillan  
**Vice Chair:** Joy Bowman  
**Past Chair:** Miranda Edwards  
**Secretary:** Donna Neufeld  
**Treasurer:** Todd Kruk

### *Committees*

**Business Administration:** Barry Hill - Convenor  
Marv Pidhorny, Murray McMillan, Larry Sage, Dave Thompson

**Christian Education:** Convenor - Vacant  
Deidree Placatka, Alison Murray, Lois Riley, Nicole Jones  
Patricia King-Doctrove (ad-hoc member for Cradle Roll)

**Equity and Diversity:** Denise Weir - Convenor  
Alison Murray, Doug Neufeld, Elaine Madill

**Ministry and Personnel:** Miranda Edwards - Convenor  
Pat Bowslaugh, Barb Janzen, Dallas Green, Marg Cullen

**Outreach:** Connie Haigh - Convenor  
Linda Friesen, Kathy Knight, Heather Moore, Lois Riley

**Pastoral Care:** Darlyne Smith - Convenor  
Carolyn Heard, Mabel Ramsay, Irene Smith, Tina Ure **Newsletter** - Darlyne Smith

**Property:** Murray McMillan - Convenor  
Rick Church, Barry Hill, Keith Privat, Ken Winstone

**Worship:** Alan Silvius - Convenor  
Angela Johnston, Randolph Smyth, Faye McLoughlin, Glenda Penner

**Prairie to Pine Regional Representatives:** Alison Murray, Darlyne Smith

**Trustees:** Gloria McMillan - Chair  
Alan Silvius, Dave Thompson, Marlane Wilson, Doug Neufeld, Miranda Edwards

**UCW:** Darlyne Smith - Chair



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## Official Board Chair Report 2022

This past year has brought us many challenges due to the pandemic, but we have been able to persevere through and are stronger for it. I would like to thank all the members of the Board for their countless hours and commitment to Trinity United during this unprecedented time.

We were fortunate to have many new members join our church in 2022. This includes members of the recently disbanded Central United Church but also many others from various areas.

Volunteers are the real backbone to the church running smoothly and we are always in need of new people to join the Board and Committees. If this is something you are interested in, speak to anyone of the Board members.

Our financial situation for 2022 was a pleasant surprise. In 2023, you will have a new Chair of the Board and I wish Gloria McMillan all the best!

I am happy to be writing to you, Stay Safe and Healthy everyone.

Jason Splett



## Minister's Report of 2022

We found 2022 to be a year of great change which included times of mixed emotions. After being closed (again) for the first two months, we reopened the First Sunday of Lent and have stayed open. It seems strange to note that as an accomplishment, but the last three years have been anything but orthodox. Although our initial numbers for worship were modest, there was great energy and enthusiasm to be gathering again. Attendance progressed steadily and by summer we were at pre-pandemic numbers.

We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a wonderful worship and picnic on the front lawn but we were also grieving with our dear friends from Central and Alexander as decisions were made to disband. We are blessed to receive the gifts of music, monetary funds, and over 50 new members because of this situation but the circumstance that these are spoils from our friend's misfortune makes it bittersweet. We pray that our new members and adherents can make themselves feel at home here and adopt us as their church family.

Our new friends have contributed to our great numbers and energy on Sundays, and we continue to evolve into our mission. I wouldn't say we're getting back to "normal" because it's different. The last three years has changed the world and it has changed us. As we navigate forward, we are adapting to the new environment which is not a bad thing. Technology has become a bigger part of how we communicate and how we worship. On average, about 100 people show up on Sundays but now we're also getting up to 200 views on our YouTube channel. Technically, our attendance is more than double than any time the last two decades. Trinity's ability and mission to share The Good News of Jesus Christ is as great as ever.

Through these past years and as we move forward, how I utilize my time has had to adapt as well. The evolution of the technology is one piece but for the first time since the 70's, Trinity's minister no longer has "official" ministry responsibilities in Alexander. The region has assigned me as their Pastoral Charge Supervisor to help them in their process to disband, but that is part of my greater church commitment. Theoretically, I should have a little more time for Trinity's growing community and we have drawn up a new Ministry Position Description to reflect that.

Lastly, I want to recognize Eden's role in the mission and ministry of TUC. She has been a great partner in this work, and I would be far less effective without her. Her administrative support permeates every dimension of our institution and although often unnoticed, absolutely crucial.

We move forward into 2023 with optimism and hope knowing that God is with us, that God is caring for us and that God loves us.

Thanks be to God.

– Rev. Doug Neufeld



## **Business Administration Committee Report 2022**

*Convenor:* Barry Hill  
*Committee Members:* Marv Pidhorny, Larry Sage, Murray McMillan,  
Dave Thompson

We got back to normal in person Board Meetings following COVID restrictions for the past 2 years.

We took our turns tabulating the collections with the Office Administrator Eden Snider. This method was new and very efficient.

We took our turn as a committee ushering for one month.

We dealt with the Stewardship drive, along with Rev Doug who prepared the letter. Eden ran all the paperwork that was required. Due to the influx of new members from Central United who closed their doors to worship the past year it was a successful drive.

Central donated more than \$130,000 to our coffers, which was very much needed and appreciated.

The Church rentals are many and successful in meeting our budget for the coming year.

Alexander United closed their doors this past year. They had been contributing 10% of the Ministers salary. A long-standing relationship has sadly come to an end.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Hill, Convenor



## Christian Education Report 2022

*Convenor:* None  
*Committee Members:* Alison Murray, Deidree Placatka, Patricia King-Doctrove,  
Lois Riley

No formal meetings were held in 2022. There were 4 Committee members and we have yet to find a convenor. Many of the tasks relegated to Christian Education were fulfilled but this Committee would benefit greatly from strong, creative leadership.

### **Sunday School**

Classes resumed during Advent of 2021 and have continued during the 2022 year. The young children have classes every other Sunday and we are looking at ways to increase this to weekly. We have 7 children registered and enthusiastic leadership provided by Michelle and Andy Depner. The youth meet weekly, and leadership is provided by Connie Haigh and Lois Riley. We have 4 youth registered as of fall 2022. There was a brief meeting with Rev. Doug, Alan Silvius (Worship) and Sunday School teachers to coordinate activities through Advent. The Sunday School classes participated in the seasonal activities. We have been using a mixture of the Seasons of the Spirit and topics chosen by the teachers for curriculum.

In 2022 we said farewell to long time teachers Deidree Placatka, Sonia Morrice, Lynda Sumner and Hollee Perreault who had all taught Sunday School for several years. They were valued members of the CE team and they will be missed. We were blessed to have their leadership.

### **Bible Study**

We are very grateful to Rev. Doug who has been leading Bible Study through the year and our group is growing in numbers. This is an interactive class, and one does not need to be a Biblical scholar to attend. Come and join our interesting and enjoyable study group.

### **Broadview**

We have 9 families enrolled in our group subscription. The magazine offers articles on spirituality, justice, and ethical issues.



## **Cradle Roll**

Trinity has a cradle roll that is currently maintained by Patricia King-Doctrove.

In June we also recognized graduates of families affiliated with Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Riley, Committee Member





## Equity and Diversity Report 2022

*Convenor:* Al Friesen  
*Committee Members:* Alison Murray, Donna Neufeld, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Barb Roberds, Denise Weir

**Objectives of Committee:** To provide guidance and support for Trinity to live out its faith as an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada.

### i) Summary of accomplishments, actions, and activities:

This was the first full year of Trinity being an Affirming Ministry. The Equity & Diversity committee met five times during 2022. Committee initiatives resulted in the following highlights for Trinity:

- ✓ The purpose of the Equity & Diversity Committee was revised to reflect that Trinity is now an Affirming Ministry (previously, the purpose focused on leadership to become an Affirming Ministry)
- ✓ Visual signs that Trinity is now Affirming were implemented – display of Affirm Certificate and Vision Statement in entry way; Affirm logo in new letterhead, revised website and social media pages; interior signage
- ✓ Rainbow flags received from Central, placed at church entrance during service times
- ✓ Celebration of the first anniversary of becoming an Affirming Ministry

In addition to the highlights, initiatives undertaken in 2022 include the following:

- Presented Sunday morning “Affirming Moments” in the form of brief stories/video clips as well as references in sermons to work of committee and promoting related themes
- Articles in church newsletters on a regular basis, including graphics, quotations, stories, and news from Affirming congregations, etc.
- Participated in P.I.E. Day initiatives with Knox, observed United Church Pride Day in June, participated in Brandon Pride Day march, and participated in Trans-day of Remembrance service
- Led workshop with youth on what it means to be an Affirming Ministry
- Youth created and painted signs with Affirming messages, signs placed on church grounds
- Circulated news items about Black History Month, Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters campaign, and the discovery of graves of residential school children



- Encouraged attendance and represented Trinity at local Day of Truth & Reconciliation activities
  - Distributed rainbow ribbons to show support for LGBTQ+ community
  - Provided opportunity for members of the congregation to participate in the 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism study group
  - Proposal to Official Board to add Affirm Logo to existing exterior church signage or consider new signage with Affirm and new Trinity logos
  - Placed poster-size Affirm logo in north entry window for external visibility
  - Continued liaison with Affirm United; attended virtual Affirm United Conference and Annual General Meeting
- ii) **Current actions in progress:** Continue ongoing education, discernment, and promotional initiatives as an Affirming Ministry; seeking additional members for Equity & Diversity Committee
- iii) **Goals for 2023:** To become more visible as an Affirming Ministry and to expand outreach into the community; find ways to make our congregation more diverse; develop an initiative or host some sort of event around Affirming with a Trinity connection; increase committee membership and diversity; host a film night (tentative plans for January 20, 2023)
- iv) **Closing remarks:** This has been a challenging year of transition from a focus on becoming Affirming to beginning to live out our faith as an Affirming Ministry through promoting our Affirm Vision Statement and transforming it into meaningful and concrete actions, Publicly, Intentionally, and Explicitly, working towards equity, diversity, and social justice for all. A further challenge relates to reduced committee membership and the departure of the only Convenor the committee has had since its inception in 2018. Thanks to Denise Weir for taking on the role of Convenor for 2023 and we wish her well.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Friesen, Outgoing Convenor



## Ministry & Personnel Committee Year End Report 2022

*Convenor:* Miranda Edwards

*Committee Members:* Pat Bowslaugh, Dallas Green, Barb Janzen, Larry Sage

The M and P Committee met four times this year and regularly corresponded by email as needed.

The committee reviewed all job descriptions by July.

In November members of the committee met with each staff personnel to conduct a two-way Employment Performance Review and revise Employment Agreements.

The committee continues to support staff members by always providing a safe and respectful workspace.

In December/January a more in-depth Ministry description was prepared for Prairie To Pine Regional Council for the purpose of transitioning from a 90%/10% split with Alexander to a 100% ministry at Trinity.

There was no change in staff this year, however the year began with no in person Worship due to health restrictions which did bring change of delivery of duties for staff members.

Rev. Doug Neufeld with his technological expertise and flexibility was able to provide excellent Worship each Sunday by pre-recording and posting the service online. Holly Walker, pianist was willing to continue to provide music for these services as did Davis Placatka, Choir Director. Early spring as we regathered in person, the choir started to gather with Davis and Holly to prepare an anthem for each Sunday, initially not singing in person at the service but recording the anthem. In September there was quite an excitement when Worship was back to its regular format. Additionally, Rev. Doug is an integral part in leading staff and volunteers delivering live streaming worship and posting the service online for later viewing.

Eden Snider, our Office Administrator Assistant, and Jim Hurd Caretaker diligently continued their duties all year.

This time of continued change showed resilience of all our staff, and we are grateful for their leadership, support, and assistance all year.



Thank you to the M and P committee for their work in supporting our gifted staff. A special thank you to Larry Sage after many years serving on this committee. We will welcome Marg Cullen to the committee in 2023.

A special thank you to Rev. Doug Neufeld for his spiritual guidance and committed support in every aspect of Trinity's ministry. His energy is contagious and never-ending.

Trinity family is blessed. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted:

Miranda Edwards, Convenor



## Outreach Committee Annual Report 2022

*Convenor:* Connie Haigh

*Committee Members:* Linda Friesen, Kathy Knight, Heather Moore, Lois Riley

The Trinity Outreach Committee works with the congregation to serve others in our community, and around the world through the Mission and Service Fund.

### Mission and Service

The United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund provides support to the vital work of the United Churches global and Canadian partners. Trinity United Church has generously supported these projects throughout 2022. Trinity's Mission and Service goal for 2023 is \$20,000. M&S givings for 2022 were \$18,859.

### Community Outreach Projects

The following organizations in our community of Brandon are being supported by our congregation through the Outreach Committee: Samaritan House Ministries, Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, the YWCA and the Christmas Cheer Hamper Program.

**Samaritan House Ministries:** Provide the services of a food bank, resource centre, literacy programming, the Safe and Warm Shelter program and family counselling. This year the givings, \$625.00, from the July 3/22 service was given to Samaritan House Ministries.

**Helping Hands Soup Kitchen:** Supplies daily meals on weekdays for those in our area needing support and nutrition.

**YWCA:** Provides safe, emergency shelter for women and children who are escaping family violence. They also provide short term housing, meals and counselling services for people in our community.

**Christmas Cheer Hampers:** Christmas Cheer hampers are an important part of Trinity's Outreach program. This year after a couple years of the challenges of the pandemic, we successfully filled and delivered 22 Christmas cheer hampers. The church congregation were very generous with White Gift donations during Advent along with all the volunteers that it takes to fulfill the hamper program.



## **World Outreach Projects:**

**Ukraine Crisis:** There was an expressed interest from Trinity to support the Ukraine Crisis. It was encouraged for those that wish to donate, could either donate through the United Church of Canada Website or through Trinity United Church and the donations would then be forwarded to the United Church of Canada, for specific donation toward the Ukraine Crisis. We had \$1610.00 as relief towards the Ukraine Crisis through the church.

## **Goals for 2023**

1. The Outreach committee will keep the church informed on social justice needs and issues in our community both locally and globally.
2. Mission and Service Fund will be supported by gifts from the congregation of Trinity United Church. The congregation will be kept informed on M&S projects through Minute for Mission readings and videos. The 2023 M&S goal is \$20,000.
3. Continued support for community projects YWCA, Samaritan House Ministries, and Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, Christmas Cheer hamper program. We plan on supporting the Bear Clan with requesting information from them for what they have for needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Haigh, Convenor



## Pastoral Care & Fellowship Report 2022

*Convenor:* Darlyne Smith  
*Committee Members:* Carolyn Heard, Mabel Ramsay, Irene Smith, Tina Ure

### Objectives of Committee:

To encourage Members and Adherents of the Congregation into active Christian roles, to provide pastoral care for them, and to assist the Congregation in fulfilling its purpose.

To share fellowship and find fulfillment in belonging to a friendly family Affirming Church

### Summary of accomplishments, actions, and activities:

Due to COVID 19, for the third year there were no **Communions to care and senior homes**.

Tina Ure, Carolyn Heard & I have kept the **Historic Record** book updated. As the Official Historic Roll Book is kept under lock in the office, there is a copy of it in the Meeting/Library room for anyone to look at. This is the book that (the late) Mildred Allan and I (Darlyne) put together several years ago. When updated, it will show exactly what the Official one does. Anyone is welcome to go and look through it.

The office computer has the electronic roll file in it and Eden has spent some time with alphabetizing the 39 pages of this file. This is a work in progress and will be very helpful when complete. Thank you, Eden!!

With the COVID rules relaxing, there were some face to face **visits**. Phone calls continue to be made; many thanks to committee members who continued with phoning.

**Trinitopics & Church Announcements:** Later in 2016, the weekly 'church announcements' was combined with the newsletter. This is sent to everyone with e-mail with copies printed for those who don't have e-mail. Starting in March of 2020, the newsletter has been delivered to all who do not have email. Care/Senior Home Recreation Staff print the newsletter each time to the folks in their home. So appreciated!!. A special 'Christmas Edition' was distributed on the week before Christmas. A 'special' thank you to those who continue to send articles to share in the newsletter; they are very appreciated!!



**Fellowship:** following worship was reinstated in June. Slowly, people started enjoying time together followed by more confidence in doing so, with between 50 – 60 partaking in the hour by the end of the year. Fellowship is a place where you can get to know people better. A few of the adjectives for Fellowship are ‘Companionship, Camaraderie, Friendship’.

**i) Current actions in progress:**

- a Many new members had made a big change for Trinity this year. With the sad closing of Central United in April, we have received some of those folks to worship with us, as well as numerous members and adherents from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and other places in Manitoba. Trinity has been truly blessed with the addition of these folks!!
- b There were Christmas cards sent out to all Trinity folk in care & senior homes as well as seniors & others in their own home again this year. A generic card was made and copied at the church. Marlane Wilson delivered to a couple of places, Tina Ure & I did the rest. Thanks to Marlane, again this year for her willing help!! There was a box of treats given to one of our members.
- c A new Directory for Trinity was begun in the fall, and members of Pastoral Care helped as in past directories.
- d The multi committee ‘**Messy Church**’ was enjoyed in September and November.

**ii) Goals for 2023:**

- a *Keeping the church membership list updated is an ongoing, updating exercise. It is so appreciated and important that you contact the church office if there are any changes in your information.*
- b *It is hoped that the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Communion for Care Homes may start again this year, possibly not until fall.*

**iv) Closing remarks**

- Thanks to folks: Board/Committee, group leaders and anyone who send articles for the newsletter. Communication is so important!!





- Thanks to those who still help with sharing the church news to those who have trouble with reading due to 'senior eyes', etc., those who give a hand and give a ride.
- Thanks to Tina for helping with newsletters, stapling and delivering the west side, every second week.
- Thanks to Carolyn for her perfect stat records; and to all committee members for your ongoing phoning and other miscellaneous duties!!
- And last, but not least, thanks to Rev. Doug for his leadership, support & endless energy!

Blessings to everyone who helped or contributed in any way in encouraging others into active Christian roles, providing pastoral care and assisting our congregation in fulfilling its purpose to share fellowship and find fulfillment in belonging to Trinity.

### Church Membership

<u>December 31st, 2021</u>	<u>288</u>		
Received by Confirmation	-	Resident Members	256
Received by Profession of Faith	-	Non-Resident Members	54
Received by Transfer	34	<b><u>Subtotal:</u></b>	<b><u>310</u></b>
Removed by Transfer	-	Adherents (Adults) at Trinity	182
Removed by Death	12	<b><u>Total Members &amp; Adherents</u></b>	<b><u>492</u></b>
Removed by Pastoral Care	-	<b>Transfer Out:</b>	<b>-</b>
<u>Removed at own request</u>	<u>-</u>	<b>Transfer In:</b>	<b>34</b>
<b><u>Total Membership Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>310</u></b>	<b>Baptisms in 2022:</b>	<b>3</b>
		<b>Marriages:</b>	<b>2</b>

**Baptisms:** Harper Depner, Rhett Ross, & Ben Depner

**Marriages:** Kaillie Lamirande & Cameron Elder, Kaili Humeniuk & Nate Harvey

#### **Received by Transfer of Membership:**

Beatrice Allen, Myrna Barkley, Helen Bircham, Sharon Bullard, Mary Chambers, Margaret Chastko, Margaret Cullen, Gloria Dillabough, Harvey Douglas, Helen Dyer, Bill & Beryl Everingham, Bert Frieze, Clarence Frieze, Edith Graham, Kathleen Gussie, Nicole Jones, David Lindenberg, Eunice Lindenberg, Lloyd & Beverly McCabe, Betty McFarland, Rae Mullens, Elwood & Donna Myers, Del & Leona Pringle, Wilma Seafoot, Janice Seddon, Marlene Shantz, Frank Skuce, Randolph & Debbie Smyth, Faye Wilcox



**In Memory of:**

**Members:**

Jean Hutchings, Ruth Bilowus, Alma Yule, Alice Wesley, Eleanor McCreath, Joyce McClelland, Irene Brown, Beverly Dittmer, Gordon Fraser, David McMillan, Laurena (Ena) Leskiw, Evelyn Thompson

**Adherents:**

Phyllis Wray, Lyle Robertson, Keith Vrooman, Louise Hodge, Lillian Atchison, Sharon Brooks

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlynne Smith, Convenor



## Property Committee Report 2022

*Convenor:* Murray McMillan

*Committee Members:* Keith Privat, Barry Hill, Ken Winstone, Rick Church

1. We mow the church property grass every week from May 1 - Sept 30
2. We trim tree branches when needed.
3. Property committee helps with all pancake breakfasts.
4. All committee members involved with all maintenance issues around the church.
5. Schedule snow clearing
6. Projects for 2023:
  - A. Deal with deteriorating asphalt in driveway
  - B. Paint the garage
  - C. Paint portions of basement that are in need
  - D. Repair stucco on front of church
  - E. Replace church sign with a new one
  - F. Deal with the graffiti tag on east side of church

Submitted by:

Murray McMillan, Convenor



## Worship Committee Report 2022

*Convenor:* Alan Silvius  
*Committee Members:* Rev. Doug Neufeld, Sherri Splett, Miranda Edwards,  
Randolph Smyth (joined September), Angela Johnston,  
Davis Placatka, Music Director (started to attend in September)

The Worship Committee help carry out the vision and mission of the church by assisting Rev. Doug Neufeld in designing worship services that nurture and enhance the Congregation's life. The committee met virtually via Zoom in February and May and had in-person meetings in September and November. As well, discussions and planning occurred as required through email correspondence and information updates to ensure our work continued as needed. Our budget was discussed at every meeting, and shared with each information update, to ensure all members were fully aware of how we were using our resources. We welcomed Randolph Smyth to our committee in September and look forward to his enthusiasm and ideas as he learns the workings of this group. Miranda Edwards and Sherri Splett came off the committee at the end of the year. We would like to thank them for their many years of dedicated service; they will be missed.

Trinity United remained closed to the public and virtual worship services continued for January and February. Once again, we are so blessed and thankful at Trinity to have Rev. Doug as our minister, not only for his spiritual guidance and uplifting worship services, but also for his technical skills that allowed the regular production and distribution of our virtual services. In March the Official Board approved the re-opening of Trinity United for in-person worship, with that first service taking place on March 6<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent) and we remained open for worship for the remainder of the year. All our in-person services were live-streamed as well so those individuals who couldn't attend for whatever reason could still be involved virtually. In addition, each worship service is also available on our YouTube channel.

From March to May the choir gathered for rehearsal of an anthem once a week, under the direction of Davis Placatka, and at the end of the session the anthem was recorded and shared at the upcoming Sunday worship service. In September the choir returned to the choir loft to sing live at worship services. We are so grateful to be able to have our wonderful choir back in the sanctuary to lead us in song and share their music ministry.

Beginning in September we started to see a fairly steady increase in attendance which is a result of the many Transfers of Memberships received following the disbanding of Central United, but as well, from transfers from other United Churches. There seems to be a sense of excitement at worship these days with having these new congregants and



we look forward to the perspectives they bring that will hopefully further enhance the worship experience for everyone. We have been blessed.

Each worship service at Trinity is significant but some of the experiences I wish to highlight that occurred during the year include the following:

- The regular use of The Skit Guys videos at each service provides an added dimension to our worship experience. The Skit Guys teach God's word using comedy and drama. As well, the live skits this year such as "Passing By" and "Conversations with Gabriella" allowed us to experience God's message in ways we might not have considered.
- The Trinity congregation were invited to attend the final worship service at Central United Church on April 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a very meaningful service and an honour to be in attendance to celebrate the legacy of this historic church.
- Five communion services were held during the year.
- The Pride Sunday Worship Service in June with the presentation of posters made by Senior Sunday school class.
- The July 3<sup>rd</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration outdoor service followed by a supplied picnic lunch was a huge success with approximately 130 people in attendance. Alexander, Knox, and Forrest United Churches were invited to attend. The open offering of \$625.00 from the service was donated to Samaritan House. Our last outdoor worship service had been in 2019 so we were very pleased to resume the tradition this year.
- Pulpit Supply for seven Sundays over the spring and summer were covered by eleven congregants, the UCW and Worship committee. We truly appreciate the willingness of these individuals and groups to step forward to lead us in worship while Rev. Doug is away. We are truly blessed at Trinity.
- The Welcome Service in late September acknowledging those individuals through their Transfer of Memberships and recognizing the many gifts (hymn books, altar cloths, pulpit falls, entire music library, etc.) received following the disbandment of Central United Church. The legacy of Central United will continue at Trinity through these gifts.
- Our worship service in November celebrating our one-year anniversary of becoming and affirming ministry was inspirational.
- The Advent season was a very busy one for Rev. Doug and the committee which involved five worship services (two involving communion).



- The Choir Cantata service in December was fabulous. It was a pleasure to have our choir perform live and share their music ministry. We are blessed to have a talented music director and choir.

It takes many volunteers to provide a worship service each Sunday, either virtually or in-person. Rev. Doug and the committee wouldn't be able to fulfill their responsibilities without the support of everyone who has participated in one way or another in a worship service this year. May God continue to bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Silvius, Convenor

*“Come, let us bow down in worship,  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”  
**Psalm 95:6***



## Region #5 – Prairie to Pine Regional Council Report 2022

*Convenor:* N/A  
*Committee Members:* Darlynn Smith, Alison Murray

### **PRAIRIE TO PINE – REGION 5 – ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 6-7, 2022** (Held On Zoom)

*FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022*

The meeting was opened with a welcome from Diane Dwarka. Emma Seamone, chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee invited the approximately 160 participants to partake in the opening worship.

Brenda Shodin, of Knox United Church in Kenora, Ontario, lead the worship, opening with an acknowledgement of land treaties found within the Prairie to Pine Regional Council. The theme of the weekend was built around the three R's – Remembering, Reconnecting and Re-visioning.

Diane Dwarka, Pat Bird and Shannon McCarthy lead the opening of the business portion of the evening. There were very few motions to vote on. All motions were passed.

Diane Dwarka introduced the special guests to the meeting: Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary of The United Church of Canada; UCC Bookstore/ECRD Rep. Rebecka Hornburg; Stewardship Animator, Vicki Nelson; Office of Vocation Minister, Karen Medland; and Sarah Lough from Music United.

All those gathered then went into breakout rooms for about 30 minutes to discuss: How has the feeling of loss manifested for your Community of Faith? Responses were recorded onto a Google document for sharing later.

Following the breakout rooms, it was time for the M & S Fundraiser – The Masked Singer. After this first fundraiser, two retirees were honoured – Lynda Trono and Laird Russell-Yearwood. Brenda Shodin offered a short prayer before ministers celebrating significant anniversaries were recognized. A candle was also lit and prayer said for the pastoral charges which had closed over the last year.

Friday's meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.



### *SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 – MORNING SESSION*

Pat Bird, co-chair of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive, welcomed everyone to the morning session. She reminded everyone that the word to represent this morning's meeting was Reconnecting. A video message from the Rt. Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, was shown. He talked about the issues going on – COVID, economic hardship, war, climate disaster. He acknowledged that even though it is not easy to understand or live out our faith at such times, we are doing just that with God in our neighbourhoods and in the world. He offered Christ's peace to all.

The second installment of The Masked Singer was then held.

The second theme of Reconnecting was stories from around the church. Michael Blair, Emma Seamone, and Gay Boese all shared their stories of connection. Following these presentations those gathered were put into break out rooms. The delegates were asked to discuss what about the presentations resonated with them and what new perspectives did they glean.

Following the breakout rooms, Silas Lee of the Winnipeg Chinese United Church gave a presentation and then a video from Knox United in Church in Brandon was shown. Once these two videos were shown, delegates went back to break out rooms to discuss and reflect. The morning concluded with Betty Kelly reflecting on how, with the loss of presbyteries, it is a real gift to be involved in the wider church.

### *SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022 – AFTERNOON SESSION*

The afternoon opened with Emma Seamone welcoming people back after lunch with a call to worship, a prayer of approach and the singing of the hymn, Bless Now O God the Journey.

Members of the Community of Faith Support committee joined with representatives from some of the Communities of Faith covenanting with the Regional Council. After this part of the service, another Masked Singer M & S fundraiser was held.

Following the fundraiser, break out rooms were held, with the question being, "How could the region better support your community of faith?"

Sara Lough introduced a video of Lydia Smith talking about Then Let us Sing! The new online hymnal and music resource. In 2023 a sampler will be out for feedback, in 2024, the digital platform will be ready and in 2025, the church's 100th anniversary, a print book will be available.





The third theme word, Re-vision, was introduced. The video of the Youth of Prairie to Pine singing Like a Rock was shown. Once this video was over, the delegates were introduced to Dr. Stewart Hill, who had participated in crafting the Prairie to Pine's Land Acknowledgement.

The final break out room of the session was led by the questions – what relationships in Prairie to Pine could be re-visioned? And what do we dare to dream for our region's future?

The final installment of The Masked Singer was held with the grand total for the weekend coming in at \$5213.00.

The afternoon closed with Licensed Lay Worship Leaders being recognized for their service. Before closing, Diane Dwarka lead the installation of the new co-chairs, Pat Bird and Erica Wiebe.

Diane Dwarka declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Murray and Darlynn Smith



## UCW Report 2022

In 2022 UCW held 1 executive meeting and 8 regular meetings, with a membership of 28 ladies. We lost 5 of our ladies with a donation being made to their requests.

Carolyn Heard has completed 95 memorial write-ups as of the end of 2022.

- 1 Life membership was presented
- 2 Milestone birthdays were celebrated

A dessert party was held following our meeting in June, as it was the last meeting before summer break.

Flowers were taken to Laura Cliff and Evelyn Thompson as they are both over 100 years old now.

Potluck lunch was held in September.

All committee members were thanked for their duties during 2022.

New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McMillan



## 2022 UCW Financial Statement

**Receipts:**

Bank Balance December 31, 2021	\$ 799.50
Unit Givings	2,735.00
Project Receipts	4,479.97
	<b>\$8,014.47</b>

**Disbursement:**

Trinity United Church- General Fund	\$3,000.00
Thank Offering - UK relief	480.00
- Helping Hands	99.00
Trinity U.C. Memorial Fund	30.00
- in memory of Ruth Bilowus	30.00
- in memory of Irene Brown	30.00
- in memory of Lillian Atchison	30.00
- in memory of Evelyn Thompson	30.00
- in memory of Jean Hutchings	30.00
UCW Endowment Fund	140.00
UCW Membership	300.00
Prairie to Pine Bursary	48.13
Special Events	651.08
Kitchen Supplies	692.43
Expenses for 9 funeral luncheons	63.75
Fellowship of the Least Coin & booklet	25.00
Legion #3 – Remembrance Day Wreath	99.50
Christmas Decorations for the church	99.50
	<b>\$5,748.89</b>

Balance of December 31,2022	<b>\$2,265.58</b>
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Outstanding cheques	#535 - \$59.75
	#536 - 4.00
	#537 - <u>30.00</u>
	<b>\$93.75</b>

Bank Balance	<b>\$2,359.33</b>
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Respectfully submitted:

Darlene Silvius, UCW Treasurer



## Board of Trustees Report 2022

*Members:* Marlane Wilson, Miranda Edwards, Alan Silvius, Dave Thompson,  
Gloria McMillan, Rev. Doug Neufeld

The Trustees met via Zoom on April 19th, 2022.

A renewal application form was completed for insurance purposes. All renters of Trinity's building must now have their own insurance coverage.

A report was received from Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, as a result of the remote inspection that was done in October of 2021, to determine the value of Trinity's building. As a result of the increase in valuation, there was a pro-rated premium in the amount of \$119.00 due for the balance of the 2021-2022 year.

The insurance premium for the 2022-2023 year was \$8,837.00. Both amounts were paid in May.

Property taxes in the amount of \$224.51 were paid in May.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Gloria McMillan



## Treasurer's Report 2022

Trinity United's 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2022 was a vastly different picture than 2021 as we exited the lockdown era with a major improvement in our financial position, especially in the last three months of the year, as more people joined our church and our in-person services. However, we still have to keep a wary eye on our finances and spending. Substantial gifts from the unfortunate closing of Central United Church put us at a net income of \$130,895 but without this largesse we posted our first operating loss since 2014 of (\$4,129). Thanks to past prudence of the Board and church members we have a substantial financial cushion in our account including \$180,000 in 6mos and 1yr GICs, so with good management our church can be financially strong for the next several years.

Positive Income Highlights for 2022 included a 10% increase in ordinary donations. More in-person services led to the Open Collection income increasing 624%! Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch raised \$1,075, a well attended Purple Shield seminar raised over \$1,500, and \$80,980 of Fundscrip gift cards were sold through the church, generating \$4,476 of profit for TUC (includes profit of two Fundscrip drives in 2021).

Our church has also been popular with renters, and we've been able to raise long stagnant rental rates while continuing to attract new clients. Our rental income is up 63% since 2021 and should increase again in 2023 as we welcome yet another church group as renters. We presently have the fortunate problem of attempting to find space within the church for our various renters to equitably store their things safely.

On the expense side major changes included bringing back a paid office administrative assistant after 2 years of volunteer office administrative duties by church members. This caused our M&P expenses to jump 34% this year but we are fortunate to have found such a hard working and capable office administrative assistant. Insurance costs are up across the board. Building insurance is up 25%, our employer insurance is up 50%, UC pension costs are up 30%, and EI and CPP are up 44% and 46% respectively since 2021. While it has been a warm January the cost of natural gas to heat the church rose 48% in 2022. While renters and in-person services are a net boon to our church experiences and finances we used 37% more electricity and 130% more water than in 2021.

For the next year we hope that rental income and donations will continue to rise to cover rising expenses amid an inflationary time. Insurance expenses can be expected to increase again in 2023 as the government has mandated higher CPP payments and rising construction costs could push up the building insurance again. Our minister is moving up a pay category in recognition of his years of service so we can expect higher M&P



expenses in 2023. The loss of Alexander United Church contributing 10% of the minister's salary will weigh on our finances as well. While Property has been upgrading burnt out light fixtures to LEDs we will be very dependent on mild weather to moderate our natural gas bill in 2023 as prices rose 22% in November alone and the city is due to start raising water rates. In our 61<sup>st</sup> year we will also need to maintain an aging building and some small and moderate capital projects may be needed for church upkeep and to improve the quality of our web broadcasts.

In closing 2022 was a turbulent year of much change that has made it hard to predict what 2023 will bring. We long-time Trinitarians welcome all the new members from other churches and feel blessed to have them join us and contribute to continuing the United Church's legacy in Brandon. We also need to always be open and extend the invite to young and middle-aged people who may want to increase their participation in our church. By the end of 2023 I hope we will have a more settled picture of financial trends for 2024 than 2022 has provided for this year.

Sincerely,

Todd Kruk, Treasurer

**Ordinary Profit & Loss:**

Total Income 2022:	\$162,637
<u>Total Expenses 2022:</u>	<u>\$169,405</u>
Net Ordinary Income:	(\$6,769)

**Other Income:**

Other Income 2022:	\$157,342
<u>Other Expense 2022:</u>	<u>\$19,679</u>
Net Other Income:	\$137,663

**Net Income** (including one-time gifts): \$130,894

<u>Total Gifts from Central United:</u>	<u>\$135,023</u>
<b>Actual Net Loss of:</b>	<b>(\$4,129)</b>

**Balance Sheet:**

Total Current Assets:	\$340,290	Total Liabilities:	\$2,210
<u>Total Fixed Assets:</u>	<u>\$566,144</u>	<u>Total Equity:</u>	<u>\$904,225</u>
Total Assets:	<b>\$906,435</b>	Total L&E:	<b>\$906,435</b>

*Compiled from statements assembled by Eden Snider, by Treasurer Todd Kruk)*



## Trinity United Church Balance Sheet

	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>				
1000 · Royal Bank				
1010 · General	101,325	126,533	(25,208)	(20)%
1020 · Memorial	15,528	13,498	2,030	15%
1030 · Benevolent	949	925	24	3%
1034 · Choir Fund	3,500	0	3,500	100%
1037 · Christian Education Fund	11,841	0	11,841	100%
1040 · Property Projects	6,493	6,025	468	8%
1071 · White Gift	1,504	1,696	(193)	(11)%
1075 · 55 Plus Club	1,250	973	277	29%
1079 · Bequest Fund	15,273	15,273	0	0%
<b>Total 1000 · Royal Bank</b>	<b>157,663</b>	<b>164,924</b>	<b>(7,260)</b>	<b>(4)%</b>
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>157,663</b>	<b>164,924</b>	<b>(7,260)</b>	<b>(4)%</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>				
1201 · Accounts Receivable	50	415	(365)	(88)%
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>(365)</b>	<b>(88)%</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>				
1092 · Petty Cash	100	100	0	0%
1099 · Term Deposit	180,000	40,000	140,000	350%
1121 · Inventory Asset	1,000	1,900	(900)	(47)%
1400 · GST Rebate	274	337	(63)	(19)%
1405 · Equity - Westman Cable	1,202	1,074	129	12%
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>182,577</b>	<b>43,411</b>	<b>139,166</b>	<b>321%</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>340,290</b>	<b>208,750</b>	<b>131,541</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
1500 · Land	5,600	5,600	0	0%
1550 · Parking Lot	16,510	16,510	0	0%
1600 · Building	469,163	469,163	0	0%
1700 · Furniture & Equipment	74,871	74,871	0	0%
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>566,144</b>	<b>566,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>906,435</b>	<b>774,894</b>	<b>131,541</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>Accounts Payable</b>				
2000 · Accounts Payable	1,587	963	624	65%
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Credit Cards</b>				
2295 · Doug's visa	23	0	23	100%
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Trinity United Church Balance Sheet

	31 Dec 22	31 Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>2300 · Bank Loan</b>				
2301 · Foregivable Portion of Loan	0	(20,000)	20,000	100%
2300 · Bank Loan - Other	0	20,000	(20,000)	(100)%
<b>Total 2300 · Bank Loan</b>	0	0	0	0%
<b>2400 · Damage Deposit</b>	600	600	0	0%
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	600	600	0	0%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	2,210	1,563	646	41%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	2,210	1,563	646	41%
<b>Equity</b>				
<b>3900 · Trinity United Church Equity</b>	773,331	757,284	16,047	2%
<b>Net Income</b>	130,894	16,047	114,847	716%
<b>Total Equity</b>	904,225	773,331	130,894	17%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>906,435</b>	<b>774,894</b>	<b>131,541</b>	<b>17%</b>





## Trinity United Church Profit & Loss

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · Ordinary Donations</b>				
4005 · Post Dated Cheques	2,700	3,500	(800)	(23)%
4010 · Envelopes	15	1,995	(1,980)	(99)%
4015 · ETransfers	3,820	6,270	(2,450)	(39)%
4020 · Pre-Authorized Donations	75,782	72,062	3,720	5%
4030 · Donations	31,254	21,027	10,228	49%
4075 · U.C.W.	3,160	1,000	2,160	216%
4090 · Stewardship Campaign	4,622	4,476	146	3%
<b>Total 4000 · Ordinary Donations</b>	<b>121,353</b>	<b>110,330</b>	<b>11,024</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>4040 · Open Collection</b>	2,690	371	2,318	624%
<b>4100 · Seasonal Appeals</b>				
4140 · Christmas Envelopes	0	100	(100)	(100)%
<b>Total 4100 · Seasonal Appeals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(100)%</b>
<b>4500 · B. A. Committee Income</b>				
4505 · Interest Income	187	59	128	217%
4510BA · Building Rental	20,930	12,875	8,055	63%
4520BA · Funeral Income	3,660	300	3,360	1,120%
4549BA · Miscellaneous Income	168	41	127	306%
<b>Total 4500 · B. A. Committee Income</b>	<b>24,945</b>	<b>13,276</b>	<b>11,670</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>4550 · C. E. Committee Income</b>				
4540CE · Sunday School Collections	67	18	49	269%
4560CE · Broadview Magazine Income	175	225	(50)	(22)%
<b>Total 4550 · C. E. Committee Income</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(1)%</b>
<b>4650 · Outreach Committee Income</b>				
4655OR · Helping Hands Donations	20	0	20	100%
4656OR · Samaritan House Donations	725	20	705	3,525%
4675OR · Relief Income	1,610	0	1,610	100%
4690OR · White Gift	1,665	805	860	107%
<b>Total 4650 · Outreach Committee Income</b>	<b>4,020</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>387%</b>
<b>4700 · Pastoral Care Committee Income</b>				
4749PC · Miscellaneous Income	100	0	100	100%
<b>Total 4700 · Pastoral Care Committee Income</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>4800 · Worship Committee Income</b>				
4848WO · Special Events	1,075	0	1,075	100%
<b>Total 4800 · Worship Committee Income</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>4850BA · Fund Raisers</b>				
4852 · Pancake Brunch	1,011	0	1,011	100%
4854 · Misc. Events	1,560	0	1,560	100%
4860BA · Gift Card Commissions	4,476	0	4,476	100%
4862 · Merchandise Sales	1,165	0	1,165	100%
<b>4864BA · FundScrip Fund Raiser</b>				
4865BA · Gift Card Collections	80,980	47,250	33,730	71%
4867BA · Gift Card Remittances	(80,980)	(47,250)	(33,730)	(71)%
<b>Total 4864BA · FundScrip Fund Raiser</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>



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	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Total 4850BA · Fund Raisers</b>	8,212	0	8,212	100%
<b>Total Income</b>	162,637	125,145	37,492	30%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	162,637	125,145	37,492	30%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5000 · B. A. Committee Expenses</b>				
5010BA · Bank Charges	462	439	23	5%
5175BA · Funeral Expense	247	0	247	100%
5200BA · Insurance	8,956	7,180	1,776	25%
5225BA · Internet & Web Site	1,223	1,223	0	0%
5350BA · Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	0	0%
5360BA · Fund Raiser Expense	1,784	0	1,784	100%
5400BA · Office	660	1,346	(686)	(51)%
5405BA · Payroll Costs	398	327	71	22%
5415BA · Photocopier Maintenance	1,082	821	261	32%
5416BA · Photocopier Lease Pmnts	1,564	1,564	(0)	0%
5450BA · Denominational Dues	5,354	6,437	(1,083)	(17)%
<b>Total 5000 · B. A. Committee Expenses</b>	21,730	19,337	2,393	12%
<b>5495-ED · Equity and Diversity Expenses</b>				
5496ED · E + D Misc Expenses	317	751	(434)	(58)%
<b>Total 5495-ED · Equity and Diversity Expenses</b>	317	751	(434)	(58)%
<b>5500 · C. E. Committee Expenses</b>				
5515CE · Curriculum	174	0	174	100%
5540CE · Sunday School Expenses	145	16	129	801%
5550CE · Miscellaneous Expense	0	63	(63)	(100)%
5560CE · Broadview (Observer) Expense	225	275	(50)	(18)%
5570CE · Resource Materials	0	21	(21)	(100)%
5580CE · Supplies	9	24	(15)	(62)%
<b>Total 5500 · C. E. Committee Expenses</b>	554	398	155	39%
<b>6000 · M &amp; P Committee Expenses</b>				
6100MP · Minister Salary	65,124	64,288	836	1%
6101MP · Minister Bonus	0	1,374	(1,374)	(100)%
6102MP · Bonus Employer paid benefits	0	101	(101)	(100)%
6106MP · Minister Phone	480	480	0	0%
6115MP · Minister Variable Travel	(169)	(115)	(54)	(47)%
6116MP · Travel reimbursement	287	223	64	29%
6120MP · Minister Continuing Ed	168	100	68	68%
6165MP · Employer U C Pension	7,542	5,786	1,756	30%
6170MP · Employer Group Insurance	7,771	5,181	2,590	50%
6177MP · Alexander	(7,589)	(6,846)	(743)	(11)%
6200MP · Secretary	21,900	4,122	17,778	431%
6250MP · Employer CPP	5,059	3,504	1,555	44%
6255MP · Employer EI	1,938	1,332	606	46%
6310MP · Pianist-Staff	4,150	3,186	964	30%
6320MP · Choir Director	2,712	200	2,512	1,256%
6330MP · Caretaker	9,506	6,074	3,432	57%
6335MP · Vacation Pay	879	532	347	65%
6340MP · Holiday Pay	670	451	219	49%
6395MP · Staff Recruitment & Temp Worker	50	31	19	59%
6475MP · Staff Appreciation	145	143	1	1%
<b>Total 6000 · M &amp; P Committee Expenses</b>	120,623	90,147	30,476	34%



**Trinity United Church  
Profit & Loss**

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>6500 · Outreach Committee Expenses</b>				
6651OR · Samaritain House Expenses	1,315	20	1,295	6,475%
6652OR · Feeding Families	0	100	(100)	(100)%
6900OR · Relief Expense	2,031	0	2,031	100%
6950OR · White Gift Expense	1,858	73	1,785	2,460%
<b>Total 6500 · Outreach Committee Expenses</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>5,011</b>	<b>2,602%</b>
<b>7000 · Pastoral Care Committee Expense</b>				
7350PC · Miscellaneous Expense	153	85	68	80%
7370PC · Baptism	107	0	107	100%
7450PC · cards, etc	180	0	180	100%
<b>Total 7000 · Pastoral Care Committee Expense</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>419%</b>
<b>7500 · Property Committee Expenses</b>				
7550PR · Natural Gas	4,858	3,293	1,565	48%
7600PR · Hydro	4,332	3,164	1,169	37%
7750PR · Property Taxes	225	227	(2)	(1)%
7800PR · Repairs & Maintenance	6,349	10,652	(4,303)	(40)%
7850PR · Telephone	1,786	1,584	202	13%
7900PR · Water	502	218	284	130%
<b>Total 7500 · Property Committee Expenses</b>	<b>18,051</b>	<b>19,138</b>	<b>(1,087)</b>	<b>(6)%</b>
<b>8000 · Worship Committee Expenses</b>				
8210WO · Choir Supplies	100	0	100	100%
8225WO · Communion	83	85	(2)	(2)%
8250WO · Copyright License	344	332	12	4%
8450WO · Miscellaneous Expense	22	0	22	100%
8455WO · Guest Musicians/Performer	50	50	0	0%
8530WO · Special Events	817	0	817	100%
8540WO · Worship Supplies	492	457	35	8%
<b>Total 8000 · Worship Committee Expenses</b>	<b>1,908</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>107%</b>
<b>8500 · Multi-Committee Programs</b>				
8510 · Messy Church Expense	97	0	97	100%
8560 · Right Now Media	482	464	18	4%
<b>Total 8500 · Multi-Committee Programs</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>169,405</b>	<b>131,436</b>	<b>37,969</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(6,769)</b>	<b>(6,291)</b>	<b>(477)</b>	<b>(8)%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
9150 · Trust Fund Interest Income	0	653	(653)	(100)%
9200 · M & S Donations	18,859	14,850	4,009	27%
9300 · Memorial Donations	2,690	9,035	(6,345)	(70)%
9310 · Church Property Projects	468	348	120	35%
9320 · Benevolent Income	24	24	0	0%
9345 · Central United Gift	135,023	0	135,023	100%
9370 · 55 Plus Club Income	277	173	104	60%
9510 · Covic 19 Wage Subsidy	0	13,042	(13,042)	(100)%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>157,342</b>	<b>38,126</b>	<b>119,216</b>	<b>313%</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>				
9800 · M & S Expense	18,859	14,850	4,009	27%
9900 · U.C.W. Expense	160	125	35	28%
9910 · Church Property Projects Exp	0	813	(813)	(100)%



**Trinity United Church  
Profit & Loss**

	Jan - Dec 22	Jan - Dec 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>9970 - Memorial Fund Grants</b>	660	0	660	100%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	19,679	15,788	3,891	25%
<b>Net Other Income</b>	137,663	22,338	115,325	516%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>130,894</b>	<b>16,047</b>	<b>114,847</b>	<b>716%</b>



## Financial Audit Report

### Memorandum

February 6, 2023

To: Trinity United Church Board

From: Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill

Subject: 2022 Church Year End Audit

Gloria and I have completed an audit for the year ending December 31, 2022. It is noted that proper accounting procedures have been followed.

The financial statement included in the annual report is an accurate reflection of the financial status of the church for the year 2022.

Attached is a report of the process which we followed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Gloria Hill

### Audit Process Year 2022

1. Weekly deposit sheets were verified to General Ledger for 12 months.
2. Verified invoices to cheque amounts.
3. GST Rebate is being claimed.
4. Reviewed postings to repairs and equipment and property expenses to determine if any amounts should be capitalized as fixed assets.
5. Confirm if any invoices paid in January 2023 are expenses for 2022.
6. Reviewed bank reconciliation.
7. 12 months of utility expenses claimed.





**Trinity United Church, Brandon**  
**"To Grow in Faith, Fellowship, and Service through Christ Jesus."**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, December 4th, 2022**

**AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer - Doug
- 3) **Motion #1:** That all those present have voting privileges.
- 4) **Motion #2:** That the Agenda be adopted as presented (amended).
- 5) **Motion #3:** That the minutes of the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 27, 2022 be adopted as presented.
- 6) **Motion #4:** That all Committee Convenors be accepted together in one vote.
- 7) **Motion #5:** That all Committee Convenors for 2023 be accepted as presented.
- 8) **Motion #6:** To accept the signing officers as presented.
- 9) **Motion #7:** To approve the draft budget as presented (amended.)
- 10) Alexander Agreement termination
- 11) **Motion #9:** Under the circumstance of Alexander removing itself from our Ministry Sharing Agreement, the substantial monetary gifts from Central closing, over 40 new memberships transferred in, and demonstrating a balanced budget, I move that Trinity United Church Brandon request the Region to approve a 100% ministry position.
- 12) Closing Prayer - Doug



## Trinity United Church Congregational Meeting Minutes

– December 4, 2022

**Mission: To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service with Christ Jesus**

**Present:** Jason Splett, Donna Neufeld, Doug Neufeld, Miranda Edwards, Darryl Bowman, Faye McLoughlin, Todd Kruk, Joy Bowman, Faye Wilcox, Marlene Campbell, Edna Stewart, Barry Hill, Gloria Hill, Marv & Georgina Pidhorny, Irene Smith, Jean Cory, Pat Kempthorne, Janice Reid, Pheme Andrew, Winnie Black, Myrna & Sam Lennon, Edie Monat, Myrna Lane, Pat Bowslaugh, June Pedlow, Frances McKague, Darlyne Smith, Joanne McMillan, Marlane Wilson, Norie Rathwell, Kay Gussie, Dallas Green, Hillary Baker, Pat King-Doctrové, Shirley Kernaghan, Barb Roberds, Darlene & Alan Silvius, Barb Janzen, Denise Weir, Valerie Poersch, Davis Placatka, Ken & Kathy Knight, Glenda Penner, Connie Haigh, Sherri Splett, Dave & Irene Thompson, Hazel & Larry Sage, Leonard Wray, Randolph & Debbie Smyth, Carol McManes, Janice Seddon, Margaret Cullen, Beryl & Bill Everingham, Sheila McCausland

**1.0** Jason Splett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order @ 11:28 a.m.

**2.0** Rev. Doug gave the opening prayer.

**3.0 Motion #1: Pat Bowslaugh moved that all those present have voting privileges. (Only full members of TUC can vote on this motion.) Darlyne Smith seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Motion #2: Marlane Wilson moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Seconded by June Pedlow.**

**CARRIED**

Minutes item #11 should read that Ken Knight as a member of the Trustees for 25 years; and a change to item #12 should read Rev Doug 'led' not 'lead'.

**5.0 Motion #3: Barb Janzen moved that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting Sunday February 27, 2022, be adopted as amended. Seconded by Gloria Hill.**

**CARRIED**

**6.0 Motion #4: Miranda Edwards moved that the Committee Convenors be accepted together in one vote. Seconded by Marv Pidhorny.**



**CARRIED**

**7.0 Motion #5: Faye Wilcox moved that all Committee Convenors for 2023 be accepted as presented. Seconded by Pat Bowslaugh.**

**CARRIED**

**8.0 Motion #6: Joy Bowman moved that Miranda Edwards, Darlynn Smith and Todd Kruk be approved as signing officers. Seconded by Hillary Baker.**

**CARRIED**

**9.0 Motion #7: Miranda Edwards moved to approve the draft budget as presented. Seconded by Darrell Bowman.**

**CARRIED**

**10.0 Alexander Agreement termination** – Jason noted that Alexander United Church has terminated the Ministry sharing agreement with Trinity United Church effective December 31, 2022. The Ministry Sharing agreement stated that Trinity had 90% of the cost of the Minister and Alexander 10%. This termination information will be sent to the Region and, now Trinity needs to make a proposal for their ministry needs. Anytime there is a change to the Ministry position, there is a process to propose it to the Region for approval.

After some discussion, the congregation agreed to support 100% cost of Minister's time.

**11.0 Motion #8:** Under the circumstance of Alexander United Church removing itself from our Ministry Sharing Agreement, the substantial monetary gifts from Central closing, over 40 new memberships transferred in, and demonstrating a balanced budget, I, Patricia Bowslaugh move that Trinity United Church Brandon request the Region to approve a 100% ministry position. Seconded by Dave Thompson.

**CARRIED**

**12.0** Rev. Doug led the closing prayer.

**13.0** Jason thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Jason Splett  
*Board Chair*

Donna Neufeld  
*Secretary*





## Trinity United Church, Brandon

At Trinity United Church our Vision is to Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus. We believe that all people are children of God, and we embrace the fullness of our diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social economic status, or any other human division as we unite in worship and full participation in all aspects of our ministry. As a congregation we are all committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.

### Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 1:30pm

#### AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer
- 3) **Motion #1:** That all those present have voting privileges. (Only members of TUC can vote on this motion)
- 4) **Motion #2:** Miranda Edwards, Alison Murray and Rev. Doug Neufeld are appointed as scrutineers for the AGM being held on Feb 27, 2022.
- 5) **Motion #3:** That the Agenda be adopted as presented (amended).
- 6) **Motion #4:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting Dec 6, 2021, be adopted as presented (amended).
- 7) Presentation of the Annual Report 2021
  - I. Financial Report
  - II. Ministers Report
  - III. Committee Reports**Motion #5:** That all reports from pages 07 to 27 in Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet be accepted as presented.
- 8) Auditors Report 2021
- 9) Appointment of Auditor(s) 2022  
**Motion #6:** That Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill will be Auditors for Trinity United Brandon for 2022.
- 10) Approve changes to the board of Trustee's  
**Motion #7** To approve Gloria McMillan as the chair of the Trustee's  
**Motion #8** To approve Miranda Edwards as a member of the Trustee's.
- 11) Round Table
  - I. Discussion on reopening protocols
- 12) Closing Prayer
- 13) Meeting Adjournment



## Trinity United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes

– February 27, 2022

### **Mission: To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service with Christ Jesus**

**Present:** Jason Splett, Donna Neufeld, Doug Neufeld, Miranda Edwards, Darlyne Smith, Alan Silvius, Connie Haigh, Gloria McMillan, Murray McMillan, Dave Thompson, Irene Thompson, Alison Murray, Al Friesen, Linda Friesen, Todd Kruk, Irene Smith, Pat Doctrove, Jean Corey, Norrie Rathwell, Pat Bowslaugh, Kay Gussie, Marlane Wilson, Barb Roberds, Harvey Roberds, Darlene Silvius, Val Poersch, Norm Poersch, Barry Hill, Gloria Hill, Shirley Kernaghan, Helen Mitchell, Ken Mitchell, Michelle Depner, June Pedlow, Hillary Baker, Winnie Black, Vivian Privat, Lois Riley

**1.0** Jason Splett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order @ 1:51 pm.

**2.0** Rev. Doug gave the opening prayer.

**3.0 Motion #1: Donna Neufeld moved that all those present have voting privileges.** (Only full members of TUC can vote on this motion.) **Pat Bowslaugh seconded the motion.**

**CARRIED**

**4.0 Motion #2: Al Friesen moved that Miranda Edwards, Alison Murray and Rev. Doug Neufeld be appointed as scrutineers for the AGM being held on Feb 27, 2022. Seconded by Darlyne Smith.**

**CARRIED**

**5.0 Motion #3: Donna Neufeld moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Seconded by Marlane Wilson.**

**CARRIED**

**6.0 Motion #4: Darlyne Smith moved that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting Dec 6, 2021, be adopted as amended. Seconded by Al Friesen.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.0 Presentation of the Annual Report 2021**

#### **I. Financial Report**

No questions/comments from the congregation.

#### **II. Ministers Report**

Rev. Doug summarized his report highlighting gathered worship that is starting next week.



### **III. Committee Reports**

Pat Bowslaugh made an inquiry about the Alexander agreement. She wondered if it is appropriate that we are still receiving 10% of the minister's costs even though they are only worshipping once a month. Rev. Doug replied that the Board's decision to maintain the rate was based on Alexander's wish to continue to respect the agreement for 2022 as plans to possibly start the process of disbanding may make this the last year they'll be involved.

**Motion 5: Linda Friesen moved that all reports from pages 07 to 27 in the Trinity United Church Annual Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Pat Bowslaugh.**

**CARRIED**

#### **8.0 Auditors Report – Completed by Larry Sage and Barry Hill.**

Note:

Proper accounting procedures have been followed.

The financial statement included in the annual report is an accurate reflection of the financial status of the church for the year 2021.

The Audit Process follows in the Annual Report.

Larry and Barry are resigning as auditors.

Trinity thanks them for there long and dutiful service.

#### **9.0 Appointment of Auditor(s) 2022**

**Motion 6: Miranda Edwards moved that Gloria McMillan and Gloria Hill will be Auditors for Trinity United Brandon for 2022. Seconded by Barb Roberds.**

**CARRIED**

#### **10.0 Approve changes to the board of Trustees**

**Motion 7: Marlane Wilson moved to approve Gloria McMillan as chair of the Trustees. Seconded by Alan Silvius.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 8: Hillary Baker moved to approve Miranda Edwards as a member of the Trustees. Seconded by Gloria McMillan.**

**CARRIED**

#### **11.0 Round Table**

##### **I. Discussion on reopening protocols**

A very productive discussion ensued with several members weighing in on



their opinions on keeping the church safe. There was consensus to support the board's decision to continue with the mask and vaccination mandates. It was agreed that masks would not be mandatory for children under 5 years.

Conversation around the need for ushers lead to remarks on being welcoming to any of Central's congregation who may be interested in moving their memberships to Trinity. Rev. Doug highlighted the importance of our compassion to these people who will be grieving the loss of their church.

Marlane Wilson took a moment to recognize Ken Knight's great contribution as member of the Trustees for the last 25 years.

**12.0** Rev. Doug led the closing prayer.

**13.0** Jason thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 3:04 pm.

Jason Splett  
*Board Chair*

Donna Neufeld  
*Secretary*



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