



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 all committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



Trinity United Church Annual Report 2021

Official Board and Committees 2022

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: Jason Splett

Vice Chair: Vacant

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,
Patricia King-Doctrove (ad-hoc member for Cradle Roll)

Equity and Diversity: Al Friesen - Convenor
Alison Murray, Donna Neufeld, Doug Neufeld, Barb Roberds

Ministry and Personnel: Miranda Edwards - Convenor
Pat Bowslaugh, Barb Janzen, Larry Sage

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

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

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

Worship: Alan Silvius - Convenor
Miranda Edwards, Angela Johnston, Sherri Splett

Prairie to Pine Regional Representatives: Alison Murray, Darlynn Smith

Trustees: Gloria McMillan (upon congregation approval) - Chair
Alan Silvius, Dave Thompson, Marlane Wilson, Doug Neufeld, Miranda Edwards (Nominated)

UCW: Irene Thompson - Chair



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Official Board Chair Report 2021

This past year has brought us many ups and downs due to the pandemic, but we have been able to fight 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 have had to adapt to virtual service and virtual meetings to stay connected. I believe that we have done a great job of this and feel confident that we have been able to provide the best solution to the restrictions that we have been given in 2021.

Volunteers are the real backbone to the church running smoothly and we need some new volunteers to join the board and committees. If this is something you are interested in, please let me or one of the Board members know as we are always looking for volunteers.

Our financial situation for 2021 was a pleasant surprise. In 2022 we are going to be moving through uncharted waters and finding ourselves looking at the financial health of the church.

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

Jason Splett



Minister's Report 2021

– Rev. Doug Neufeld

Before writing this, I looked through last year's reports and find it almost comical reading the optimism of 2021 after an unprecedented year in 2020. Well, it's a year later and we find ourselves looking to 2022 to be released from the clutches of this pandemic and we're not off to a great start. With "reported" cases 5 times greater than our previous highs you would expect greater distress, but vaccination has diminished a some of the fear (and is probably contributing to the higher numbers.)

A significant blessing with the lull in infection in the fall, we were able to gather for worship six consecutive weeks including Advent but had to shut down again prior to Christmas Eve. I had forgotten the energy and how Spirit-filled it is to worship together as a community and the addition of the choir, even in a virtual presence, adds great joy. This fuels my desire to come together again when the situation permits. Let us pray that it is not too long.

The long duration of virtual worship was/is challenging, trying to somehow add some fresh material. With so much practice, the process of producing on-line worship had become routine and I can't thank Carol and Ken Winstone enough for their continuous support. We had ironed out the wrinkles and things went so smoothly most of the year. Then in the fall we were hit with a long span of bad luck as we had a number of electronic component and computer failures. I pray that my frustration through those months didn't translate into our services. Things have been running smoothly for the last month and a half and we continue on with our fingers crossed.

Despite being limited from gathering, our committees did great work this year (please see the other reports). I'm most excited about our overwhelming vote to become an Affirming Ministry. E&D put a ton of time and effort into this over the last few years and our community's decision to be Public, Intentional, and Explicit in sharing God's love for all was the highlight of my year.



The Board has been great stewards for Trinity United Brandon this past year (as always). Their approach of responsibility and compassion in the governance of TUB is a great example of what a community of faith should be. We have some new faces for 2022 and I'm confident in the strength of our leadership. I consider myself blessed to be part of this institution and I look eagerly to our future.

Lastly, it's so good to have the office open again and we welcome with great enthusiasm, the addition of Eden to our ministry staff.

We move forward into 2022 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.

Doug



Business Administration Committee Report 2021

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

The committee responsibilities include: convener or rep. to attend monthly board meetings, deposit of Sunday collections, Sunday service ushering for designated month, yearly stewardship, preparation of BA committee yearly budget and preparation of annual Alexander Agreement.

Dave Thompson attended the monthly board meetings as BA Committee rep. But due to the COVID – 19 restrictions the board could not meet at the church in-person, so the board held zoom meetings on the internet instead for the whole year.

The church collections were supposed to be counted and documented following each Sunday service with the money deposited at the Royal Bank and the documentation submitted to the office administrator for processing and entering in the church ledgers and journals. Each member of the committee was to take their turn with the assistance of a second party in processing the collection each Sunday following church for two months as per a schedule drawn up by the committee. But this year due to COVID-19 rules there were no Sunday services or collections to count or deposit. Also, we lost our office administrator who processed the deposits. For the whole year two deposits each month were made with the treasurer Reg Atkinson handling office processing. The scheduled committee members did the bi-monthly deposits and provided oversight on Reg's reports.

Meetings were held to organize and prepare the annual stewardship drive with all committee members present as well as Rev. Doug Neufeld. Reg Atkinson and Murray McMillan agreed to prepare a list of recipients for the letters and Rev. Doug agreed to write the letter. The committee met again at the church the following week and stuffed, addressed, and stamped the stewardship letters for mailing. Once again, we relied on Reg. Atkinson to process the responses to the stewardship letters as the returns came into the church.

The committee's month for Sunday service ushering remains to be reorganized at this time. Jason Splett and the official board are presently providing the ushering services since services restarted. Covid-19 rules have complicated ushering as there are many restrictions to enforce and procedures to follow. Training will be required to ensure compliance with all the government regulations. The committee is available if and when our services are required.



The “Alexander Agreement” was reviewed and updated for the coming year and sent to Alexander United Church for approval. Our agreement with Alexander is for them to pay 10% of the cost for Trinity United providing them with ministerial services. A copy of the agreement is on file in the church office.

A yearly budget for the BA Committee was also prepared and included in the annual budget for Trinity United.

It was with sadness that the BA Committee accepted Reg Atkinson’s resignation from our committee. The committee is sure going to miss all Reg’s work and expertise while he was on the committee. All other committee members agreed to remain on the committee. Dave Thompson (myself) is stepping down as convener of the committee as my two-year period is over. Barry Hill has agreed to become the new convener of the BA Committee for the next two-year time frame. Thanks for agreeing to fill the position, Barry. I will be remaining on the committee as a member. The committee welcomes and looks forward to working with our new church treasurer Todd Kruk. We also look forward to working with Trinity’s new office administrator Eden Snider. Welcome Eden.

The BA Committee are pleased to continue our relationship with the “Redeemed-Christian Church of God” church. They continue to lease Trinity for their Sunday services. We also welcome the “Church of Pentecost” this past year who are also entered into a lease agreement with Trinity for their Sunday services.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Thompson



Christian Education Report 2021

Sunday School

The pandemic and subsequent closure of our Church for in person worship has been a huge circuit breaker for our children and youth at Trinity.

In spring of 2021 Lenten activities were delivered to the children and they were invited to participate. This was followed by a Zoom call with Rev. Doug on March 28th.

In June we recognized Natasha Jones for her Grade 12 Graduation with a drive by and presented her with a book. Natasha has been active in Sunday School and participated on Church committees over the years.

Notes of congratulations were sent to Grade 12 and University graduates with ties to Trinity United Church.

As in person worship resumed mid-November it was decided that we would resume Sunday School classes beginning the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021. As anticipated, return to Sunday School was slow as families remain cautious. A small but enthusiastic few attended through the 4 Sundays of Advent. Sadly, in person services were once again cancelled as of December 24 for an indefinite period of time.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge Deidree Placatka, Sonia Morrice, and Lynda Sumner who have chosen to take a break from teaching after several years of faithful dedication of time and energy and thank them for their gifts of the spirit to our children and youth here at Trinity United Church. We have been blessed to have your valued leadership!

We will be actively seeking out folks willing to teach our young children in the new year.

Connie Haigh and Lois Riley will continue teaching the youth (12-18yrs).

Bible Study

There has been no regular Bible study since March 2020. There was an online Lenten study in the spring, which was well supported, and we thank Rev. Doug for his leadership. We look forward to resuming our study group as we are able whether it be in person or online.



Cradle Roll

Currently we have one child enrolled on our cradle roll.

Broadview

Broadview is a faith-based magazine focused on national and international issues of spirituality, justice and ethical living. We had 11 subscriptions from Trinity in 2021. Last year Broadview made a cost saving move changing the print frequency from 10 to 8 issues per year.

We made a donation of \$40 for Our Daily Bread to offset costs.

I would like to thank my committee members and teachers for their support during a very challenging year.

Deidree Placatka, Alison Murray, and Lois Riley will be staying on the committee. We wish Donna Neufeld well in her new role as Board Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Riley, Convenor



Equity and Diversity Report 2021

Convenor: Al Friesen

Committee Members: Pat Bowslaugh, Ken Knight, Alison Murray, Julie Murray, Donna Neufeld, Rev. Doug Neufeld, Barb Roberds, Alan Silvius

Objectives of Committee: To provide guidance, education, and leadership in exploring becoming an Affirming Ministry.

Summary of accomplishments, actions, and activities:

The Equity & Diversity committee met virtually seven times during 2021. Committee initiatives resulted in the following highlights for Trinity:

- Congregational approval of Affirm Vision Statement and Marriage Policy at February AGM
- Presentation and discussion of Affirm Action Plan at February AGM
- Unanimous vote for Trinity to become an Affirming Ministry and member of Affirm United at congregational meeting in September
- Affirming Ministry Service of Celebration held in November, Affirm logo banner purchased and placed in sanctuary

In addition to these highlights, initiatives undertaken in 2021 include the following:

- Presented Sunday morning announcements/video clips
- Placed articles in church newsletters on a regular basis, including related graphics, quotations, news from Affirming congregations, etc.
- Shared personal and family stories in the newsletter and online services of five people well-known to Trinity, who identify with or are connected to the LGBTQ community
- Circulated article from Lynn Valley United Church (North Vancouver) entitled “What Does the Bible Really Say About Homosexuality” and invited feedback and questions
- Provided updates on progress towards becoming affirming, soliciting feedback/questions
- Included regular ‘Affirming Moments’ as part of virtual online services, references in sermons to work of committee and promoted related themes
- Continued liaison with Affirm United Coordinator



- Observed United Church Pride Day in June, and promoted online P.I.E. Day and Transgender commemoration
- Circulated news items about Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters campaign, and the discovery of graves of residential school children
- Placed orange ribbons in trees on Trinity grounds in memory of lost residential school children
- Created Affirming display in narthex, rainbow items for sanctuary, and acquired Affirm banner
- Distributed rainbow ribbons to show support for LGBTQ+ community

Current actions in progress: Continue ongoing education and discernment activities, continue celebration of becoming an Affirming Ministry and begin role as an Affirming Ministry and member of Affirm United.

Goals for 2022: Revision of committee Objectives to align with changing mandate after becoming an Affirming Ministry, begin implementation of selected initiatives from Affirming Action Plan.

Closing remarks: Despite the pandemic, 2021 has been an exciting and eventful year for Trinity achieving status as an Affirming Ministry in the United Church of Canada. The committee is deeply grateful for the support and guidance provided by Rev. Neufeld and members of the Board, and most appreciative of the congregation for being part of this journey and for their engagement in seeking ways to live out our beliefs that all persons are children of God, and that God loves everyone without exception. Thank you for joining us as we continue to “Grow in faith, fellowship, and service through Christ Jesus” as an Affirming Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Friesen, Convenor



Ministry & Personnel Committee Year End Report 2021

Convenor: Gloria McMillan

Committee Members: Carol Winstone, Gloria Hill, Larry Sage, Ralph Heard

The Ministry & Personnel Committee had two in-person meetings but had many discussions via email and phone.

Our pianist Holly Walker provided music for our virtual services and returned full time when in-person services began in November.

Jim Hurd continued his cleaning and sanitizing regime during another year of varied restrictions. The committee assisted the Property committee with cleaning and sanitizing in July while Jim was on holidays.

In October Eden Snider was hired as Office Administrator and has been a wonderful addition to our Trinity staff.

In December the Board supported a motion to hire Davis Placatka as Music Director for 2022. This may be put on hold due to increased health restrictions and the possible return to virtual services. A discussion will be held at the January Board meeting.

Year-end reviews were held, employment agreements and the budget for 2022 were prepared. Christmas gifts were presented to Staff members and Reverend Doug.

A special thank you to Reg Atkinson for his management of the finances, over-site of the office and for being a great resource for Eden.

Thank you to Reverend Doug Neufeld for his continued guidance and support during another year with so many challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The virtual services have been a lifeline for so many people. We are a fortunate congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria McMillan, Convenor



Outreach Committee Annual Report 2021

Convenor: Connie Haigh
Committee Members: Linda Friesen, Kathy Knight, Heather Moore,
Lois Riley, Mark Mercure

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 2021. Trinity's Mission and Service goal for 2021 was \$17,800. M & S givings for 2021 were \$14,850.

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.

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.

Samaritan House Ministries: Provide the services of a food bank, resource centre, literacy programming, the Safe and Warm Shelter program and family counselling.

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

Food Drive Sundays: Due to the pandemic restrictions the food collection has ceased. However, congregation members continue to support Helping Hands and Samaritan House with either direct or financial donations made through Trinity.

Christmas Cheer Hampers: Christmas Cheer hampers are an important part of Trinity's Outreach programme. The Outreach committee again made another difficult decision this year to change our hamper delivery method due to health concerns arising from the pandemic. The Trinity Hamper program supported families in our church community with hampers delivered by Outreach Committee. The church congregation were very generous



with White Gift donations during Advent. A large donation of food and gifts were delivered to Christmas Cheer to be added to their hampers to be distributed.

Goals for 2022

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 2022 M & S goal is \$17,800.
3. Continued support for community projects such as the YWCA, Samaritan House Ministries and Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, Feeding Families- the Samaritan House staple food packing will be an on-going Tri-United Initiative if there is a need for this service to continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Haigh, Convenor



Pastoral Care & Fellowship Report 2021

Convenor: Darlynne Smith
Committee Members: Judy Diswinka, 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 Church

Summary of accomplishments, actions and activities:

Due to COVID 19, for the second year there were no Communion services 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 Historic Roll book in the Meeting/Library room for anyone to look at. This is the book that (the late) Mildred Allan and I 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.

- Due to COVID there were no face to face visiting. However, 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. I have some e-mails of family for those without a computer, and newsletters are forwarded that way. The good thing is that the e-mail list is growing!! And for the fourth year, 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!!

i) Current actions in progress

Carolyn Heard's Christmas contact/visiting project had to be adjusted because of Covid rules. The cookies for the Church Christmas baskets were supplied by the PC committee



for 2021, as well as one for another member. There were Christmas cards sent out to all Trinity folk in care & senior homes, seniors & others in their own home again this year. Again, these were all addressed by Marlane Wilson and partially delivered by Marlane with the remainder delivered with the newsletters. Thanks to Marlane again this year!

ii) Goals for 2022

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.

iii) Closing remarks

A special thank you to Rev. Doug for his continued technology skills and has added so much more to the virtual services. Also, the switch from virtual to face to face. Then back to virtual for Christmas Eve! Fine toe tapping! Thanks, also, to the folks who continue to share the virtual services with those without internet. Thanks to Tina for helping me with stapling and continuing to deliver the west side delivery of newsletters; to Carolyn for her perfect stat records; and to all committee members for your ongoing phoning and other miscellaneous duties!! 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.

Thank you to Judy Diswinka who contacted folks. She has left our committee due to health issues.

Church Membership

<u>December 31st, 2020</u>	<u>297</u>	Resident Members	235
Received by Confirmation	-	Non-Resident Members	53
Received by Profession of Faith	-	<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>288</u>
Received by Transfer	-		
Removed by Transfer	-	Adherents (Adults) at Trinity	167
Removed by Death	8	<u>Total Members & Adherents</u>	<u>455</u>
Removed by Pastoral Care	-		
Removed at own request	1	Transfer Out:	1
		Transfer In:	-
<u>Total Membership Dec. 31st, 2021</u>	<u>288</u>	Baptisms in 2021:	-
		Marriages:	-



In Memory of:

Members: Ina Slimmon, Ed Penner, Jean Burgess, Ieleen Turner, Carol Hardy, Grant McCausland, Beatrice (Bea) Lee, Robert Jarvie

Adherents: David Speers, Frank Basiuk, Margaret Izzard, Harvey Bullee, Dawn Hope, Ferguson (Ferg) Hall, Frank Rabe

Removed at their request: Ralph Heard

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlynne Smith, Convenor



Property Committee Report 2021

Duties this past year were:

- Mowing Trinity lawn
- Trimming trees
- General maintenance

Still working on finishing up repairs after kitchen fire mishap.

There was a septic issue with our pump out system that was rectified after a few delays in scheduling. A new pump was installed, and switches checked and changed. Working well.

Snow removal (sourced out) after a foot of snow fell before the end of the year. All other snow events were handled in house.

Action on dishwasher and water heaters has started up again after COVID-19 shutdown in anticipation of fundraising dinners and events. Get ready!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray McMillan, Property Convenor



Worship Committee Report 2021

Convenor: Alan Silvius

Committee Members: Miranda Edwards, Angela Johnston, Sherri Splett

Rev. Doug Neufeld attends meetings.

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 March and October. 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.

Trinity United remained closed to the public and virtual worship services continued for most of 2021. 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 audio-visual technical skills that allowed the regular production of our virtual services. He prepared every service, set-up production equipment, edited and formatted the recordings for distribution each week. He spent many hours every week producing each virtual worship service to make it available for our viewing in the safety of our homes. As well, we need to acknowledge the volunteer work of Carol and Ken Winstone who were Rev. Doug's production team for the majority of the year's worship services. We are blessed to have them in our congregation and sincerely thank them for all their contributions this year that allowed our worship services to continue each week when our church was closed to the public. In addition, Trinity's pianist, Holly Walker, was hired to provide her musical talents for each service. Each virtual worship service at Trinity has been significant and we are so grateful to all the above individuals and others who participated in these services to help make each of them special.

Throughout the year discussions took place at each Official Board meeting as to when it would be safe for Trinity to re-open to in-person worship services based on the Public Health Orders at the time. In October the Official Board made the decision that when Trinity reopened for in-person worship services only fully vaccinated individuals who were eligible could attend. To prepare for our eventual regathering for worship, the committee, including Rev. Doug, worked on developing the document **Regathering Protocols for Worship Services** which outlined the standards and practices all congregants must follow when they attend a service. This document was approved by the Official Board in early November. The new protocols were shared with the Trinity family via newsletter prior



to our first re-gathering. As a result of the new regathering protocols, the role and responsibilities of ushers/greeters was greatly enhanced. The committee drafted the document **Protocols for Ushers/Greeters at Worship Services** to provide these individuals with standards and directions to follow when individuals entered and exited the building.

In early November the Official Board approved the re-opening of Trinity United for in-person worship, with that first service taking place on November 14. Our last gathered worship service since the start of the Pandemic had been in early March of 2020. We were very excited about re-gathering, but nervous as well because a lot of guidelines needed to be followed so that we could safely worship together. All of these in-person services were live-streamed as well so those individuals who couldn't attend for whatever reason could still be involved virtually. Our second Sunday of gathered worship involved a service of Celebration of Trinity becoming an Affirming Ministry. This service also involved the sharing of communion which was done in a safe manner.

As we entered the Advent season, we thought it would be fitting to have our wonderful choir participate in some safe way by providing an Anthem for each Advent service. Choir members readily agreed to gather for practice of an anthem once a week, under the direction of Davis Placatka, and at the end of practice the anthem was recorded and shared at the upcoming Sunday worship service. The choir gathered safely over four weeks and recorded five songs that made a beautiful addition to the Advent services. As well, the committee is very grateful to the families who attended the Advent services to light their respective Advent candle and complete the associated reading. Unfortunately, because of the changing dynamics of the Pandemic the Christmas Eve service had to be offered virtually.

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

*"God is Spirit
and they that worship Him
must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."
John 4:24*



Region #5 – Prairie to Pine Regional Council Report 2021

Convenor: N/A
Committee Members: Darlynnne Smith, Alison Murray

With Covid still being an issue, Region #5- Prairie to Pine Regional Council held their AGM remotely on May 28, 29, & 30, 2021.

Some of the highlights of the weekend include:

- A lively M & S fundraiser which raised \$8,500
- Video message from the Moderator Rev. Richard Bott and UC General Secretary Rev. Michael Blair
- Presentation by Indigenous Elder, Gloria Cook, Our Journey as an Indigenous (First Nation) People
- Retirees honoured
- Reports from Rev. Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister and Valerie Beckingham, Treasurer
- Affirming celebration on Sunday

Covid has greatly hampered the ability of those on the Prairie to Pine Council to meet in person. However, those in leadership have done an excellent job through social media and other forms of technology to keep people in the region connected. We look forward to what 2022 will bring in terms of the life and work of the church.

NOTE: Anyone is welcome to access the Prairie to Pine Facebook page. If you “like” the page, new posts will display in your news feed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Murray and Darlynnne Smith



UCW Report 2021

In 2021 we held two executive meetings, along with one general meeting in December which included a catered meal.

Five milestone birthdays were celebrated with presentations of flower arrangements. A highlight of the fall was a drive-by tribute to Evelyn Thompson in honour of her 100th birthday.

No Life Membership pin was presented for 2021.

Memorial donations were made in memory of Ann Porosky and Jean Burgess.

Officers and committees for 2022 will be elected/appointed whenever we are able to hold a general meeting of our UCW group.

Thanks to the members who carried out the necessary duties during 2021.
New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

June Pedlow, Secretary



2021 UCW Financial Statement

Receipts:

Bank Balance December 31, 2020	\$ 688.78
Unit Givings	775.00
Funeral Luncheon	356.25
Equity & Diversity Committee for cookies	159.15
UCW catered luncheon	427.00
Trinity United Church	<u>125.00</u>
	\$2,531.18

Disbursement:

Trinity United Church General Fund	\$ 775.00
Trinity UC Memorial Fund-Anne Porosky	30.00
BRHC Foundation-in memory of Jean Burgess	30.00
UCW Membership	145.00
Stamps	48.30
Funeral Luncheon for Grant McCausland	138.09
Special Events	119.79
Shady Lane catered luncheon	<u>445.50</u>
	\$1,731.68

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021	\$ <u>799.50</u>
	\$ 2,531.18

Bank Balance **\$799.50**

2021 UCW Net Projects

Funeral Luncheon for Grant McCausland	\$356.25
Equity & Diversity Committee for Cookies	\$159.25

Project Receipts \$515.50

Net Projects: \$515.50

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Silvius, UCW Treasurer



Board of Trustees Report 2021

The Trustees met via Zoom on March 4th, June 1st, and June 4th, 2021. The property taxes in the amount of \$226.80, and the insurance premium in the amount of \$7,180.00, were approved to be paid.

It was decided that a re-evaluation of Trinity's property for insurance purposes should be completed, therefore, due to Covid -19 restrictions, a Remote Inspection document was prepared for Ecclesiastical Insurance Company. The report should be received early in 2022.

At the June 2021 Official Board meeting, on the recommendation of the Trustees, the Board passed a motion to change the terms of the Trinity Trust Fund to allow the use of both principal and interest to respond to identified needs of Trinity and that the Fund be administered by the Treasurer of Trinity United Church. The Trust Fund GIC's with Manulife were closed as of October 18, 2021, when they matured. The funds received, in the amount of \$15,273.25, were transferred to Trinity's General Fund.

Resignations from Trustees Elaine Nairne and Ken Knight were received. Nominations for new Trustees will be held at the February 2022 Congregational meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Gloria McMillan



Treasurer's Report 2021

2021 Treasurer Report by *Reg Atkinson*

The year ended up fiscally considerably better than budgeted. However, as you can see, regular donations (account 4000) are down from 2020 as are M & S contributions. There are less contributors donating to the church. The following chart is based on Trinity regular donations only. It does not include Mission & Service, Memorial, or special gifts. It shows 3 different levels of giving over 4 years and the change over the 4 years. Note the steady decline in total donors/dollars.

Year >	2018	2019	2020	2021	Change
\$100 - \$1,000	104	94	93	74	-30
\$1,001 - \$2,000	39	40	34	32	-7
>\$2,001	7	9	10	11	4
Total # Donors	150	143	137	117	-33
Total \$ Dollars	131,966	129,476	122,997	110,330	(21,636)

Rental income is becoming more and more important to the church and is up considerably versus 2020. This is an important revenue growth area. We have been relying on Covid related government subsidies and Memorial contributions too much the last two years. Neither are sustainable in the long term.

The gift card fundraising initiative started in 2021 has been very well received by the congregation and others. The net proceeds will come into 2022 revenues. I have always felt that fund raisers are good for the church because they initiate interaction while raising funds.

Ministry and personnel expenses were less in 2020 and 2021 mainly because the office was operated by volunteers 9 months in 2020 and 10 months in 2021. As you know,



normal office staff was not required due to the Covid closures. Other corresponding staffing reductions were also made. A full staff compliment is reflected in the 2022 budget.

The positive bottom line for 2020 and 2021 adds to cash on hand as nothing is depreciated or capitalized at this time. This helps to fund losing years such as is projected in 2022. FYI, Trinity has come very close, but has not actually lost money since 2014. Thank you for your monetary contributions.

Trinity has many very dedicated people at the Board level, Staff level, and in the Congregation. Trinity has been a relative success story through the Covid era to date, financially, and service wise.

This was my second stint as Treasurer. I am leaving you in better financial condition this time although the future is challenging. I wish to thank the many people who have personally expressed their genuine appreciation for my work as treasurer. I think we feel rewarded in different ways as we grow older.

I am pleased I could help the last two years and will miss you.

Sincerely,

Reg Atkinson



Trinity United Church Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

	31 Dec 21	31 Dec 20	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Chequing/Savings				
1000 · Royal Bank				
1010 · General	126,533	161,403	(34,870)	(22)%
1020 · Memorial	13,498	4,463	9,035	203%
1030 · Benevolent	925	901	24	3%
1040 · Property Projects	6,025	6,025	0	0%
1071 · White Gift	1,696	786	910	116%
1075 · 55 Plus Club	973	800	173	22%
1079 · Trust Fund (Bequest)	15,273	0	15,273	100%
Total 1000 · Royal Bank	164,924	174,379	(9,455)	(5)%
1200 · Trinity U.C. Trust Fund				
1210 · Accumulated Interest	0	3,993	(3,993)	(100)%
1250 · Principal	0	10,628	(10,628)	(100)%
Total 1200 · Trinity U.C. Trust Fund	0	14,620	(14,620)	(100)%
Total Chequing/Savings	164,924	188,999	(24,075)	(13)%
Accounts Receivable				
1201 · Accounts Receivable	415	0	415	100%
Total Accounts Receivable	415	0	415	100%
Other Current Assets				
1092 · Petty Cash	100	100	0	0%
1099 · Term Deposit	40,000	40,000	0	0%
1121 · Inventory Asset	1,900	0	1,900	100%
1400 · GST Rebate	337	438	(101)	(23)%
1405 · Equity - Westman Cable	1,074	1,066	8	1%
1499 · Undeposited Funds	0	1,635	(1,635)	(100)%
Total Other Current Assets	43,411	43,239	172	0%
Total Current Assets	208,750	232,238	(23,488)	(10)%
Fixed Assets				
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%
Total Fixed Assets	566,144	566,144	0	0%
TOTAL ASSETS	774,894	798,382	(23,488)	(3)%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
2000 · Accounts Payable	963	798	165	21%
Total Accounts Payable	963	798	165	21%



Trinity United Church Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

	31 Dec 21	31 Dec 20	\$ Change	% Change
Other Current Liabilities				
2300 · Bank Loan				
2301 · Foregivable Portion of Loan	(20,000)	(20,000)	0	0%
2300 · Bank Loan - Other	20,000	60,000	(40,000)	(67)%
Total 2300 · Bank Loan	0	40,000	(40,000)	(100)%
2400 · Damage Deposit	600	300	300	100%
Total Other Current Liabilities	600	40,300	(39,700)	(99)%
Total Current Liabilities	1,563	41,098	(39,535)	(96)%
Total Liabilities	1,563	41,098	(39,535)	(96)%
Equity				
3900 · Trinity United Church Equity	757,284	690,430	66,854	10%
Net Income	16,047	66,854	(50,807)	(76)%
Total Equity	773,331	757,284	16,047	2%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	774,894	798,382	(23,488)	(3)%



Trinity United Church Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Ordinary Donations				
4005 · Post Dated Cheques	3,500	5,632	(2,132)	(38)%
4010 · Envelopes	1,995	12,084	(10,089)	(84)%
4015 · ETransfers	6,270	5,154	1,116	22%
4020 · Pre-Authorized Donations	72,062	66,597	5,465	8%
4030 · Donations	21,027	25,033	(4,006)	(16)%
4075 · U.C.W.	1,000	1,935	(935)	(48)%
4090 · Stewardship Campaign	4,476	6,562	(2,086)	(32)%
Total 4000 · Ordinary Donations	110,330	122,997	(12,667)	(10)%
4040 · Open Collection	371	469	(98)	(21)%
4100 · Seasonal Appeals				
4120 · Thanksgiving Gift	0	225	(225)	(100)%
4140 · Christmas Envelopes	100	50	50	100%
Total 4100 · Seasonal Appeals	100	275	(175)	(64)%
4500 · B. A. Committee Income				
4505 · Interest Income	59	503	(444)	(88)%
4510BA · Building Rental	12,875	9,940	2,935	30%
4520BA · Funeral Income	300	0	300	100%
4545BA · Wedding Income	0	525	(525)	(100)%
4549BA · Miscellaneous Income	41	0	41	100%
Total 4500 · B. A. Committee Income	13,276	10,968	2,308	21%
4550 · C. E. Committee Income				
4540CE · Sunday School Collections	18	49	(31)	(63)%
4560CE · Broadview Magazine Income	225	325	(100)	(31)%
4580CE · Supplies Income	0	100	(100)	(100)%
Total 4550 · C. E. Committee Income	243	474	(231)	(49)%
4650 · Outreach Committee Income				
4655OR · Helping Hands Donations	0	20	(20)	(100)%
4656-10 · Feeding Families	0	30	(30)	(100)%
4656OR · Samaritan House Donations	20	150	(130)	(87)%
4690OR · White Gift	805	1,970	(1,165)	(59)%
Total 4650 · Outreach Committee Income	825	2,170	(1,345)	(62)%
4800 · Worship Committee Income				
4810 · Choir	0	250	(250)	(100)%
Total 4800 · Worship Committee Income	0	250	(250)	(100)%
4850BA · Fund Raisers				
4852 · Pancake Brunch	0	714	(714)	(100)%
4864BA · FundScrip Fund Raiser				
4865BA · Gift Card Collections	47,250	0	47,250	100%
4867BA · Gift Card Remittances	(47,250)	0	(47,250)	(100)%
Total 4864BA · FundScrip Fund Raiser	0	0	0	0%
Total 4850BA · Fund Raisers	0	714	(714)	(100)%
Total Income	125,145	138,317	(13,173)	(10)%
Gross Profit	125,145	138,317	(13,173)	(10)%



Trinity United Church Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

Expense	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	\$ Change	% Change
5000 · B. A. Committee Expenses				
5010BA · Bank Charges	439	493	(54)	(11)%
5200BA · Insurance	7,180	6,070	1,110	18%
5225BA · Internet & Web Site	1,223	737	486	66%
5360BA · Fund Raiser Expense	0	119	(119)	(100)%
5400BA · Office	1,346	1,208	137	11%
5405BA · Payroll Costs	327	326	0	0%
5415BA · Photocopier Maintenance	821	857	(36)	(4)%
5416BA · Photocopier Lease Pmnts	1,564	1,627	(63)	(4)%
5450BA · Presbytery Dues	6,437	6,696	(259)	(4)%
5490BA · Wedding Expense	0	125	(125)	(100)%
Total 5000 · B. A. Committee Expenses	19,337	18,259	1,077	6%
5495-ED · Equity and Diversity Expenses				
5496ED · E + D Misc Expenses	751	31	720	2,306%
Total 5495-ED · Equity and Diversity Expen...	751	31	720	2,306%
5500 · C. E. Committee Expenses				
5515CE · Curriculum	0	454	(454)	(100)%
5540CE · Sunday School Expenses	16	0	16	100%
5550CE · Miscellaneous Expense	63	0	63	100%
5560CE · Broadview (Observer) Expense	275	375	(100)	(27)%
5570CE · Resource Materials	21	0	21	100%
5580CE · Supplies	24	70	(46)	(66)%
Total 5500 · C. E. Committee Expenses	398	899	(500)	(56)%
6000 · M & P Committee Expenses				
6100MP · Minister Salary	64,288	62,906	1,382	2%
6101MP · Minister Bonus	1,374	0	1,374	100%
6102MP · Bonus Employer paid benefits	101	0	101	100%
6106MP · Minister Phone	480	480	0	0%
6115MP · Minister Variable Travel	(115)	(185)	70	38%
6116MP · Travel reimbursement	223	244	(21)	(9)%
6120MP · Minister Continuing Ed	100	0	100	100%
6165MP · Employer U C Pension	5,786	6,045	(259)	(4)%
6170MP · Employer Group Insurance	5,181	4,528	653	14%
6177MP · Alexander	(6,846)	(5,781)	(1,065)	(18)%
6200MP · Secretary	4,122	6,183	(2,061)	(33)%
6250MP · Employer CPP	3,504	3,417	87	3%
6255MP · Employer EI	1,332	1,341	(10)	(1)%
6310MP · Pianist-Staff	3,186	1,305	1,881	144%
6320MP · Choir Director	200	1,368	(1,168)	(85)%
6330MP · Caretaker	6,074	7,385	(1,310)	(18)%
6335MP · Vacation Pay	532	595	(63)	(11)%
6340MP · Holiday Pay	451	433	17	4%
6395MP · Staff Recruitment	31	0	31	100%
6475MP · Staff Appreciation	143	51	92	179%
Total 6000 · M & P Committee Expenses	90,147	90,315	(168)	(0)%
6500 · Outreach Committee Expenses				
6600OR · Donations	0	200	(200)	(100)%
6650OR · Helping Hands Expense	0	220	(220)	(100)%
6651OR · Samaritain House Expenses	20	350	(330)	(94)%
6652OR · Feeding Families	100	235	(135)	(58)%
6950OR · White Gift Expense	73	1,970	(1,897)	(96)%



Trinity United Church
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

	Jan - Dec 21	Jan - Dec 20	\$ Change	% Change
Total 6500 · Outreach Committee Expenses	193	2,975	(2,783)	(94)%
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses	0	0	0	0%
7000 · Pastoral Care Committee Expense				
7350PC · Miscellaneous Expense	85	22	63	288%
7400PC · Special Events	0	84	(84)	(100)%
7450PC · cards, etc	0	39	(39)	(100)%
Total 7000 · Pastoral Care Committee Expe...	85	145	(60)	(42)%
7500 · Property Committee Expenses				
7550PR · Natural Gas	3,293	3,025	268	9%
7600PR · Hydro	3,164	3,409	(245)	(7)%
7750PR · Property Taxes	227	229	(2)	(1)%
7800PR · Repairs & Maintenance	10,652	4,063	6,589	162%
7850PR · Telephone	1,584	1,551	33	2%
7900PR · Water	218	272	(54)	(20)%
Total 7500 · Property Committee Expenses	19,138	12,550	6,588	53%
8000 · Worship Committee Expenses				
8010WO · Advertising	0	24	(24)	(100)%
8250WO · Copyright License	332	322	10	3%
8455WO · Guest Musicians/Performer	50	590	(540)	(92)%
8540WO · Worship Supplies	542	327	215	66%
Total 8000 · Worship Committee Expenses	924	1,263	(339)	(27)%
8500 · Multi-Committee Programs				
8510 · Messy Church Expense	0	107	(107)	(100)%
8560 · Right Now Media	464	495	(32)	(6)%
Total 8500 · Multi-Committee Programs	464	602	(138)	(23)%
Total Expense	131,436	127,039	4,396	4%
Net Ordinary Income	(6,291)	11,278	(17,569)	(156)%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
9150 · Trust Fund Interest Income	653	108	545	507%
9200 · M & S Donations	14,850	17,804	(2,954)	(17)%
9300 · Memorial Donations	9,035	4,655	4,380	94%
9310 · Church Property Projects	348	398	(50)	(13)%
9320 · Benevolent Income	24	24	0	0%
9330 · Bequests	0	5,887	(5,887)	(100)%
9370 · 55 Plus Club Income	173	121	52	43%
9490 · Miscellaneous Income	0	4,866	(4,866)	(100)%
9510 · Covic 19 Wage Subsidy	13,042	21,018	(7,975)	(38)%
9511 · CEBA Loan Foregiven	0	20,000	(20,000)	(100)%
Total Other Income	38,126	74,881	(36,755)	(49)%
Other Expense				
9800 · M & S Expense	14,850	17,804	(2,954)	(17)%
9900 · U.C.W. Expense	125	0	125	100%
9910 · Church Property Projects Exp	813	1,500	(687)	(46)%
Total Other Expense	15,788	19,304	(3,517)	(18)%
Net Other Income	22,338	55,576	(33,238)	(60)%
Net Income	16,047	66,854	(50,807)	(76)%



Financial Audit Report

Memorandum

Jan. 8, 2022

To: Jason Splett

From: Larry Sage and Barrie Hill

Subject: 2021 Church Year End Audit

Barrie and I have completed an audit for the year ending Dec. 31, 2021. 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 2021.

Attached is a report of the process which we followed.

A thank you to Reg for his cooperation during the review.

Barrie and I are resigning as auditors for 2022.

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

Larry Sage



Audit Process Year 2021

1. Verified weekly deposit sheets 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 which should be recorded as fixed assets
5. Confirm if any invoices paid in Jan 2022 are expenses for 2021
6. Reviewed bank reconciliation
7. 12 months of utility expenses claimed
8. Reviewed Trust Fund interest and investments for 2022



Trinity United Church/Alexander United Church

Agreement: Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022

1. Shared ministerial services will continue by contract based on Trinity United 90% and Alexander 10%
2. Minister's salary is according to call, (2022,) with costs of living increase and change to level 2.
3. Alexander will contribute 10% of the total cost of minister's salary and allowances as itemized below.
4. Alexander's contribution will be paid monthly.
5. Minister's Sunday service and Board travel to Alexander will be the responsibility of Alexander based upon a 55 Km round trip at United Church of Canada rate. A travel log will be supplied.
6. Any billed expenses from Trinity to Alexander are to be invoiced monthly with supporting documents.
7. Pulpit supply will be the responsibility of each congregation. Trinity United will make every effort to share pulpit supply when possible and will inform Alexander Church of availability.
8. When Trinity United holds a congregational meeting that conflicts with regular service at Alexander then Trinity United will compensate Alexander the sum of \$100 to be deducted from monthly payment.
9. Each congregation will be responsible for all other expenses.
10. The agreement will be reviewed November 2022 or at a time there is a change in Trinity United's or Alexander's circumstances.

Minister's Salary and Allowance 2022

Salary	\$65,124
Telephone	\$480
Continued Education	\$1,493
Employer CCP	\$3,500
Employer EI	\$1,117
Employer UC Pension	\$5,861
Employer UC Benefits	\$5,210
TOTAL	\$82,785
10% Alexander Share	\$8,278.50
Payable monthly	12 x \$689.88



Trinity United Church, Brandon
"To Grow in Faith, Fellowship, and Service through Christ Jesus."
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, February 21st, 2021

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Opening Prayer
- 3) Motion: That all those present have voting privileges.
- 4) Motion: That the Agenda be adopted as presented (amended).
- 5) Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting Feb 23, 2020 be adopted as presented (amended).
- 6) Presentation of the Annual Report 2020
 - I. Financial Report
 - II. Ministers Report
 - III. Committee Reports
- 7) Auditors Report 2020
- 8) Nomination Report 2021
 - I. Chair 2021
 - II. Secretary 2021
 - III. Treasurer 2021
 - IV. Committee Convenors 2021
- 9) Signing Officers for 2021
- 10) Appointment of Auditor(s) 2021
- 11) Equity and Diversity- Affirming Ministry
- 12) Round Table
- 13) Closing Prayer



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Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 21st, 2021 @ 1:30pm

Our Chairperson, Jason Splett, welcomed all that came to the ZOOM Meeting on Sunday February 21st, 2021. Jason explained how we would be voting on the Motions as this was new to some people.

Jason explained what a couple would have to do if they voted differently. They would have to raise their hands if they voted differently, and Jason would count them separately. Rev. Doug will clear the hands after Miranda or Alison counts. Miranda will announce the number that voted.

Reverend Doug led us in prayer and thanked God that we could gather via ZOOM to do the business we need to do. Rev. Doug thanked God how He watched over us through this challenging year. "We thank you, God for the spirit and energy to continue this Ministry. We ask that you guide us with your wisdom in the business of our church."

AMEN

Motion 1: Miranda Edwards, Alison Murray and Rev. Doug Neufeld are appointed as scrutineers for the AGM being held on Sunday February 21, 2021.

Moved by: Darlynn Smith, Seconded by Gloria McMillan. **CARRIED** (39 votes). Miranda abstained.

Motion 2: That all those present have voting privileges.

Moved by: Alan Silvius, Seconded by Connie Haigh. **CARRIED** (41 votes).

Motion 3: That the Agenda be adopted as presented/amended.

Moved by: Miranda Edwards, Seconded by Gloria McMillan. **CARRIED** (43 votes).

Motion 4: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting February 23, 2020 be adopted as presented/amended.

Moved by Alan Silvius, Seconded by Darlynn Smith. **CARRIED** (41 votes).



Presentations of the Annual Report 2020

Financial Report: Reg Atkinson

We have had an extremely interesting year financially for Trinity. Regular donations were only down 6%. Despite the fact that Trinity has been shut down for 9 months our rental income was down substantially. Our fund-raising income was virtually eliminated. Our regular income was down \$25,000.00. Our regular expenses were down \$27,000.00, but wages were down to \$20,293.00. From our regular operations we were actually \$2,500.00 ahead of last year.

M&S was down just 6% which was good news. Memorial Donations were up 1300%. We had Bequests from an estate which helped this year. We had Insurance income of \$4866.00 (under Miscellaneous Income). We had two subsidies \$21,018.00. Our other Net Income was \$55,576.00. Our bottom line is \$66,854.00 in the black. This means we have more cash.

Cash on hand is up \$105,000.00. Our liabilities are also up because we have a loan. It was a very good year financially.

Motion 5: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.

Moved by Reg Atkinson. Seconded by Gloria McMillan. **CARRIED**. (42 votes)

Reg informed us that we are projecting another 4% drop in regular income, a 33% drop in the BA Committee Income due to the reduction in our rental revenue. Our revenue is 7% down from this year.

The M&P is up \$15,000.00 from 2020. In 2021 we are projecting to spend \$15,000.00 more than we spent in 2020. It will depend a lot on when the church will be able to open for services. There is a net loss of \$26,447.00 which again is not pretty but the good news is we have the \$26,447.00 to lose because we made \$66,000.00 last year.

We really don't want to lose money, but it happens. Reg. is expecting better results than our budget but not like we had in 2020. Jason thanked Reg for all the hours he has spent on researching to take advantage of everything that we can for Trinity.

Motion 6: That the 2021 Budget be accepted as presented/amended.

Moved by Reg Atkinson. Seconded by Alan Silvius. **CARRIED** (42 votes)

If you wish to have a copy of the Ministers Report or any Committee Reports, please check in Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet for 2020.

Motion 7: That all reports from Pages 4 to 31 in Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet be accepted as presented.



Moved by Connie Haigh. Seconded by Darlynn Smith. **CARRIED** (42 votes).

The Auditors Report will be located on Page 32 of Trinity United Church Annual Report Booklet 2020.

Nominations Report 2021

Motion 8: That Jason Splett continue as Trinity United Brandon Board Chair.

Moved by Alan Silvius. Seconded by Miranda Edwards. **CARRIED** (42 votes).

Miranda thanked Jason for all the work he has done in such an unusual year. Jason did a great job with ZOOM. We hope that in 2021 we will all get vaccinated, and we will all be together. Shirley appreciated Jason's help as he was always willing to go above and beyond.

Motion 9: That Shirley Kernaghan continue as Trinity United Brandon Secretary.

Moved by Darlynn Smith. Seconded by Miranda Edwards. **CARRIED** (41 votes).

We may need to find a new Secretary for 2022. I have enjoyed being Secretary for Trinity United. Thank you for helping me do the best for all. I will try to improve in doing our minutes.

Motion 10: That Reg Atkinson continue as Trinity United Brandon Treasurer.

Moved by Gloria McMillan. Seconded by Connie Haigh. **CARRIED** (41 votes).

We are actively looking for someone, but Reg will be our treasurer until we find someone to replace him ASAP. We need someone to keep our books in order as this is very important that we have an accurate account. A big thank you to Reg for all he has done to keep our books accurate.

Motion 11: That all Committee Convenors and Chairs be accepted as presented in the Annual Report.

Moved by Alan Silvius. Seconded by Gloria McMillan. **CARRIED** (42 votes).

Miranda explained that there are some new people coming to Trinity. If you see a gap on a committee the door is not closed. Speak to the Convenor of the Committee and the Committee will take your name to the Board. We would love to have you join any Committee that you would like.

Pat Bowslaugh made the comment that all the Committee Members and Executive need a huge vote of appreciation from our congregation to carry on in this time of Covid-19.



Motion 12: That the Signing Officers will be Jason Splett, Reg Atkinson, Shirley Kernaghan and Miranda Edwards for 2021.

Moved by Gloria McMillan. Seconded by Alan Silvius. **CARRIED** (39 votes)

Motion 13: That Larry Sage and Barry Hill be Auditors for Trinity United Brandon for 2021.

Moved by Miranda Edwards. Seconded by Darlynn Smith. **CARRIED** (40 votes).

Jason explained that the next couple of motions are to do with the Equity and Diversity Committee. Jason informed us that we are NOT VOTING on becoming Affirming. The vote for becoming Affirming will be held later but we are going to vote on two (2) Motions that have been brought forward. These Motions have been circulated via e-mail, hard copy and in the Newsletter. There has been some talk with the Trinity Board and Committees. We will move to the motion at hand.

Motion 14: The Vision Statement presented at the annual Meeting of February 21, 2021 be approved to replace the current Vision Statement: "To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus".....

It should read as follows: 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.

Moved by Ken Knight. Seconded by Alison Murray. **CARRIED** (42 votes).

To accept the Wedding Policy document presented at the February 21, 2021 Annual Meeting be approved as the Wedding Policy for Trinity United Church Brandon replacing the current Policy approved on March 8, 2016. It was also circulated at the same time as the Vision Statement. It was approved at the board December 8th, 2020.

Motion 15: Move that the Wedding Policy addition presented at the February 21, 2021 Annual Meeting be approved to amend the current policy that was approved on March 8, 2016.

Moved by Alan Silvius. Seconded by Al Friesen. **CARRIED** (42 votes).

It was clarified that the presented document was an addition to the existing policy. Al Friesen asked if there were any questions or discussions on the Proposed Action Plan. Jason sent the Proposed Action Plan out to everyone in December or January. Marlane wondered what the Annual dues would be. Al explained that in the past it was \$100.00 annually for Affirming congregations but now it is based on the size of our budget but Reg



said we are not in that category so it would be \$100.00 per year at the moment. The \$100.00 is used to help Affirm United in their programs. The minister of St. Paul Church in Virden is our contact to Affirm United.

Round Table

As the member of the congregation, Alan Silvius stated that we are so grateful having Reverend Doug as our Minister. His technical abilities are providing us with services via ZOOM since we had to close our doors in March 2020. If we didn't have Reverend Doug with his abilities, where would we be?

Doug's production team, Ken and Carol Winstone, has been involved in almost every service. It takes a number of hours to have the service ready for us to see every Sunday via ZOOM. "Thank you, Ken and Carol."

Donna, Doug's wife, said it takes hours to make changes, but she is so thankful that Doug has the ability to do all that he needs to do to have a perfect service.

Darlynne Smith: Kudos to Rev. Doug and his production team. It is a lot of work. Darlynne thanked Rev. Doug for starting our Fellowship. It is so much appreciated. Darlynne was talking to Sheila and Grant McCausland. They were trying to come on, but something happened, and Darlynne said she would say HELLO to everybody from Grant and Sheila.

Pat Bowslaugh: We appreciate having the Trinitopics that Darlynne produces. It keeps us all engaged to know who we can help by visiting, sending cards or even a phone call.

Darlynne and her team inform Rev. Doug if someone needs a visit if they are in the hospital or a phone call. Darlynne does a lot of the leg work for Pastoral Care. We are not communicating as we normally would because of the Covid but it helps Doug when someone lets him know if people are sick or hospitalized. Doug appreciates us telling him when someone needs a visit. It could be a phone call, e-mail etc.

Here is a message from Rev. Doug: "Never assume that I know everything that is going on. Please be a church family and support us as a family and give each other the kind of care that a church family can provide."

Ruth Sawyer: On behalf of 55 Plus it has been so amazing. We put a box outside our door and the congregation and friends are filling the box with mittens, scarves, and toques. It is so exciting to see the box full and it is a blessing. Samaritan House, Mary's and Salvation Army appreciate receiving these gifts. Ruth and Glen will pick up donations if people can't deliver them. Ruth thanked everybody for their donations.

Gloria McMillan thanked everybody for the work that was done for the meeting today. Great work and very much appreciated.



Jason thanked everyone for attending our AGM meeting today via ZOOM or phone line. We had a very good turnout of participants. The Board wanted to thank each and every one of you as we spent a lot of time on meetings which is necessary to make Trinity United Church operate smoothly. The leadership from the Board is great. "THANK YOU EVERYBODY!"

This meeting is recorded and if you wish to see it in your own home just give Rev. Doug a call and he will send you the link that you need. You will be able to watch it at home

Closing Prayer - Rev. Doug Neufeld:

Wondrous, Gracious and Loving God, we thank you so much for this time and allowing us to come together. This was an incredible turn-out today in these circumstances and in these technical challenges. Our church congregation has made this effort to do this business for the church. This reflects on the care and love for this church and in this we are so blessed. We thank you for the work that was done today. The overwhelming message is:

"That Trinity is about inclusiveness, about love and that we care that all should be respected as equals that come together as your children to worship under the same roof, same parameters and exact same opportunities. We feel blessed by this love and commitment, and we look forward with so much anticipation to a time when we can gather together in person. We miss our community, but we are so thankful that we have the opportunities to connect in a way that we can with others. We ask that you continue to look over us at our church and we ask this in Jesus' name." AMEN.

Jason Splett
Board Chair

Shirley Kernaghan
Secretary



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