

Trinity Annan United Church

Community of Faith Fall Meeting Sunday, October 20, 2024

Minutes

Attending: Marnie McDonough, Thom McDonough, Lloyd Mohr, Donna Phillips, Murray Peer, Irene Peer,, Marg , Judy McKay, Fred McKay, Merna Norris, Sue Williams Elizabeth Smith Ron Lipsett, Louise Lipsett, Rosemary Mitchell, Ken Mitchell, Ralph Harding, Judy Givens, Marilyn Roech, Jill Blair, Jim Blair, Murray Hall, Mary Hall, Julian Delf, Doug McDougall

Via Zoom: Carol Gray

Regrets: Shelley Blackburn

1. Welcome: Chair Lloyd Mohr

2. Opening Prayer:
Bill shared an opening prayer.

3. Declaration of Quorum: As per The Manual of the United Church of Canada, we have quorum.

4. Motion on Voting Privileges:
Moved that all members and Adherents of Trinity Annan United Church (TAUC) be allowed to speak and vote on temporal matters raised during this meeting.
Moved by Ralph Harding, seconded by Jim Blair. **Motion carried.**

5. Approval of the Agenda
Moved by Louise Lipsett and seconded by Sue Williams that the agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

6. Approval of the minutes of the May 12, 2024 Community of Faith meeting.
There were amendments made to correct names and spelling errors. Moved by Julian Delf and seconded by Ken Mitchell that the minutes of the May 12, 2024 Community of Faith meeting as amended be approved. **Motion carried.**

7. Official Board Updates
Thom McDonough, as Past Chair of the Official Board began by thanking all of the Committee members who are working so well to keep our Church functioning as it should. He said he just wanted to highlight the work of our Trustees who take such good care of the Church building itself.

Chair Lloyd then asked Marnie McDonough for her updates on activities of the Affirm Discernment Team, Stewards, and her work as WOW regional representative for the community of faith.

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Affirm Discernment Team alias the “A-Team”:

We are a six member Ad hoc team to educate Trinity and friends about being “PIE”, public, intentional and explicit in welcoming members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Our efforts have included educational snippets in the weekly news which we hope everyone will consider.

A conversation regarding being welcoming and affirming began some 20 years ago, but didn't complete the steps to official designation. Our first event, A Storytelling Circle, was held 2 weeks ago, with 18 people participating. Our next event in November will be a Bible Study conversation to give us the tools to talk confidently about what the scriptures teach us about our relationships.

Today we have 2 handouts you can take home for your ongoing discernment. “Facts About Pronouns” and “Gender & Sexuality: Glossary of Key Terms & Concepts”.

Your A-Team consists of Rosemary Mitchell, Margaret Howard, Marilyn Reoch, Sue Williams, Henrik Noesgaard and myself. Please speak to anyone of us if you wish.

Stewards is a small team of Trinity members who monitor the finances of the congregation and promote stewardship of all our gifts. It includes the Board Chair, Minister, volunteer Treasurer Shelley Blackburn, three more members, namely Ken Mitchell, Deborah McCoubrey and myself.

We also the input of the contracted bookkeeper and the Investment portfolio team. The church administrator manages the records so we can generate your tax receipts for all financial support to meet the Canada Revenue Agency regulations.

Stewards meet monthly to assess our financial position. As of the end of September, Trinity is operating with a **deficit of \$12,500**. While we were expecting to dip into our investments to cover any shortfall by about \$18,000, we were hopeful that offerings, fun raising and our other gifts would make this amount less.

Please be assured there is tight control on our expenses. We are blessed by your support of our mission here at Trinity. If you are able now, your financial generosity would be greatly appreciated to sustain our ministry, and in particular reduce the deficit.

WOWRC representative. Each CoF is expected to have a representative on the Regional Council, to transmit information between parties for all our benefit.

We pay an assessment to support the work of the regional council and they in turn provide expertise & resources to us. Virtual meetings and webinars are offered regularly.

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As you know we are celebrating the 100th year of the UCC. This does not undermine the celebrations of Trinity Annan's 175th year of ministry & mission in our part of God's creation.

We hope you will join us in 2 weeks for the big anniversary celebrations.

There were no questions directed to Marnie regarding her updates.

8. Living Faith Story - Search Committee - Discussion Led by Donna Phillips
Carol Gray thanked the congregation for their engagement in the process and expressed her thanks for the work of the search team. She also expressed her thanks to the board for the approval and recommendation of the faith profile.
Search Committee member Doug McDougall reminded us that our next minister is already out there, already chosen for us by God, we just have to discover who that might be.

Donna, on behalf of the Search Committee, offered thanks to Rev. Bill who had the foresight and thoughtfulness to provide our congregation with advance notice of retirement and has encouraged us every step of the way so far. She also repeated thanks to the congregation for the conversations that we have had in the past couple of years when we looked at strategic directions and objective. All of this input has been funnelled into the Living Faith Story.

The following motion was put forward:

Moved by Donna Phillips, seconded by Ron Lipsett, that Trinity Annan United Church approves the Community of Faith Profile dated October 20, 2024 and agrees that Trinity Annan United Church is viable to call/appoint a minister up to Category F for thirty-five (35) hours per week. **Motion carried.**

9. Gratitudes

Donna Phillips was thanked for her continued work on the the Trinity United Church Photo directory and continued updates.

Ron Lipsett offered thanks to the Search Committee for their time and work on the Living Faith Profile.

10. Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn. Marnie McDonough.