

**Wesley United Church**  
Council Meeting by Zoom  
September 15, 2021 7:00 pm

*Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.*

Present:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position on Council</b>
		President
	Stephanie Dove	Past President
	Elaina St. Onge	Vice-President
	Al Goudie	Secretary
	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
		Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
		Worship Division Coordinator
	Carolyn Woodall	Intentional Interim Minister
	Kent Stewart	Transition Team Representative

R = Regrets    P = Partial

1. Call to order

Elaina called the meeting to order at 7::03 pm

2. Opening reflection – June

3. Approval of agenda

**Motion 2021-59: That the agenda be approved as amended.** M/S Kent Stewart/Jim Chernick – carried.

4. Approval of minutes from August 18 Council meeting

**Motion 2021-60: That the minutes of the meeting of August 18, 2021 be adopted.** M/S Al Goudie/June Blau – carried.

5. Transition Team report was circulated in advance and is attached.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1. Vice President's Report

6.2. Past president's report

6.3 Minister's report - attached

6.4 Christian Education

6.5 Administration and Finance – removed from consent agenda

6.6 Ministry and Personnel – removed from consent agenda

6.7 Treasurer

6.8 Pastoral Care

6.9 Social Justice

6.10 Worship – removed from consent agenda

6.11 Staff

6.12 WUC/UCAS Liaison Committee

**Motion 2021-58: That the Consent Agenda be approved with the Administration and Finance, Ministry & Personnel and Worship reports removed.** M/S Kent Stewart/Frances Goudie – carried.

Reports removed from the Consent Agenda:

Administration and Finance. June reported that quotes for roof repair were received. Admin & Finance recommends that Council approve Action Roofing to repair the upper roof (estimated area 4,125 sq. ft>), quote of \$43,046 (including taxes) plus any damaged insulation at \$3.33/sq. ft. and rotten decking at \$5.50 per linear foot plus the “bad” spots on the lower roof level (about 1,500 sq. ft.) at \$19,381 plus additional repairs, if required, at the rates quoted above. If the area ends up being larger when they get into it, the additional cost will be \$9.35/sq. ft. Minimum cost - \$62,427.

**Motion 2021-59: That Council approves the recommendation of Administration and Finance to proceed with roof repairs to the upper & lower roof with Action Roofing at an estimated cost of \$63,000 to a maximum of \$70,000, taxes included.** M/S June Blau/Jim Chernick – carried

Kent will inform the Trustees

Worship. Carolyn provided the attached report regarding the Treaty Land Acknowledgement which we use for our worship gatherings. When she consulted with Deb Anderson-Pratt it appeared that our current acknowledgement was problematic, referring to Treaty is colonialism. Deb offered the one she uses. Worship recommends approval of the acknowledgement used by Deb.

**Motion 2021-60: That Wesley adopts the attached land acknowledgment, to be incorporated into all community gatherings including worship services at Wesley.** M/S Kent Stewart/June Blau – carried.

Ministry & Personnel. Tessa reported that Pam Thomas has forwarded an article from the Regional Rambler requesting that all church staff be given (at our discretion) a paid day off on September 30, which is to be called National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

**Motion 2021-61: That September 30, 2021 be given as a paid day off to all Wesley staff to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Linda Paul – carried.

**Motion 2021-62: To proceed to an IN CAMERA SESSION at 7:57 pm.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Kent Stewart – carried.

**Council moved out of the IN CAMERA SESSION at 9:07 pm.**

**Motion 2021-63: Redacted for privacy reasons.** M/S Tessa Whyte/Jim Chernick – carried.

7. Old Business
  - 7.1 Resumption of face to face worship. How did the first one go? Carolyn reported that there were no major concerns. We are going forward at this point. Everyone was pretty careful and respectful.
  - 7.2 UCAS renovations. Admin & Finance asked the property committee to work with Christine to get 3 estimates for renovations. Darwin will work with her.
  - 7.3 Emergency pastoral care policy development – M & P. Linda read a draft policy. Elaina asked Linda and Tessa to circulate the draft policy to the whole council for consideration at the next Council meeting.
  - 7.4 Meeting with Eastside United Church Leadership Team. Al replied that this is on hold for now.
8. September strategy and visioning (new business)
  - 8.1 Transfer of membership of Trevor and Norma Quinn

**Motion 2021-64: That the memberships of Trevor and Norma Quinn be approved for transfer to Third Avenue United Church, North Battleford, SK. M/S Al Goudie/June Blau – carried.**
9. Correspondence - none
10. Next meeting October 20, 7:00 pm. Volunteer for reflection – Kent
11. Benediction - Carolyn
12. Adjournment at 9:25 pm

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Elaina St. Onge, Vice President

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Al Goudie, Secretary

## Transition Team Report to Council – September 15, 2021

The Transition Team met on September 8. Carolyn provided a summary of her activities over the past few weeks. She has been working with the Worship Committee to begin the Creation Season leading up to Thanksgiving. She is becoming familiar with members of our community of faith as well as other Regina Ministry personnel. She has met with Hannah Dove and Kiera Eastley in relation to their activities.

Carolyn spoke of some challenges that should be examined including the need for additional members for M&P as well as the need to clarify her role in the UCAS/WUC Partnership Liaison Committee.

We spoke briefly of the importance of reliable administrative support as well as providing additional hours to Lee. Both, we refer to M&P and Council.

A covenanting service will be planned, date/time dependent on availability of those involved.

A member of the Transition Team has been assigned to each Committee/Division to act as a communication link to the Team.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kent Stewart

## **Wesley Transition Team Liaison with Wesley divisions and committees**

At the last Transition Team meeting, we identified the Transition Team individuals who would liaison with the Wesley divisions and committees.

We wanted each committee to have someone to contact to bring forward any ideas or issues that arise during our transition period. The individual will not be expected to answer questions or offer suggestions, but simply ensure the message is brought to the transition team for consideration as we work towards our common goals.

The contacts are as follows:

Council Kent Stewart

M&P Glenn Schmuland

Worship Linda Gunningham

Christian Education Amy McGregor

Pastoral Care John McKenzie

Admin & Finance Glenn Schmuland, Linda Gunningham

Social Justice Awaiting status of committee

Trustees Carolyn Woodall

House Committees Gordon Beck

Glenn Schmuland

Team Lead, Wesley Transition Team

Written Report from Intentional Interim Minister for Council September 15, 2021

With the resumption of Sunday worship, I will be taking Monday as a regular day off until Christmas. Taking just one day per week in general allows me to gather some days together so that about once a month, I will be able to go home for a few days. My schedule is accessible in the Church Office. Unless I am on vacation or Continuing Education days, I am always accessible by text on my work phone, and will usually respond within 24 hours. Please be in touch if you need something. If I can't help you, I will endeavour to connect you with someone who can help.

There are a few things that it appears have been decided by the minister for the last while which are really the privilege and responsibility of committees of the congregation, according to our United Church polity. One such decision is when a Blue Christmas gathering will take place. That question I will consider with the Worship Team. When I am enthusiastically supporting a specific idea or project, it is not because I have a need to make my mark on the life of the congregation. It is because that idea or project furthers the goals of the congregation as they have been communicated to me by the Transition Team. There may be lots of great ideas shared around our circles in the next two years. We won't be able to do them all, probably. I will encourage the ones that people in the congregation claim, the ones for which you have passion.

Part of my task is to help you expand your resilience, based in a clear eyed awareness of who you are now as a group, and what mission you hope and can expect to carry forward. In two years' time, it is my hope that this congregation will have a clear sense of what gift/skill set you will be seeking in your next settled minister, to team with you in pursuit of that mission. My mission is to help you find your mission.

Cordially, Carolyn

Rev. Carolyn Woodall

Intentional Interim Minister

Wesley United Church, Regina SK

The Worship Team asked me to chat with Rev. Deb Anderson-Pratt about a revised Treaty Acknowledgement for our worship gatherings. Deb kindly sent these words, which she borrowed from someone else and liked so well that they are what she uses for her worship gatherings.

The land on which we worship, Territory 4, is land that has been walked on, hunted on, and lived on for thousands of years by the Cree - Ne Hiyawak, Saulteaux - Nahawinini wak, Lakota - lah-KOH-tah, Dakota - dah-KO-tah, Nakota - nah-KO-tah, and Metis.

It is with humility and respect that we give thanks that we are here, in the space where we are in touch with Creator who made it and who made us.

May our worship honor the relationships that are celebrated and invited here, and may we always remember the story of the land, the people who live here, and the call to live with respect and thanksgiving.