

UPDATE from JOINT AMALGAMATION TEAM (JAT)

for SOUTH REGINA UNITED COMMUNITY *

***Wesley and Sunset United communities working toward amalgamation**

May 31, 2023

A Progress Report

JAT has met three times since April and will meet again on Tues. June 6.

Here are a few updates from some of the small groups preparing for worship together in September.

Affirming Committees

- Kent Stewart from Wesley and Trina Hodgson from Sunset met recently to discuss how our Affirming groups can work together. They look forward to beginning work and worship together.

Banners

- Two people from Wesley and two from Sunset met on May 19 in both churches. They discussed what banners to move from Wesley to Sunset and where they might be hung in Sunset's sanctuary. They also shared some history of each other's banners and plan to have further discussion prior to September on the logistics of moving and hanging banners.
- At this time there is no plan to move all hanging banners over until we know more about the overall amalgamation. All parties were in agreement to this.

House Groups / Kitchens

- Lenore Bewcyk from Wesley (and JAT) arranged a meeting on May 17. Sunset House Group leader Bev Hui reported that they brainstormed how to amalgamate the work to support worship events and use the kitchen(s). We learned the title "house group" has a different meaning in each church community.
- To resolve any confusion, one immediate change is that Sunset House Groups will be renamed "Worship Support Teams" because

their tasks are only in support of worship services. At Wesley, house group tasks are organized differently to support special events or services such as funerals. Their groups have this role for the same month in each calendar year. More discussion is needed before we settle on changes to house group functions.

Ministry & Personnel Committees

- A joint meeting of both Wesley and Sunset M & P committees will occur on June 25.

Worship Committees

- Rev. Jim Tenford has attended a Worship Committee meeting at Wesley in May, and the Sunset Worship Committee also met and discussed plans for the fall. Sunset's current Worship Committee tasks include arranging music, supporting special occasions (e.g., cake!), serving hot and cold drinks at funeral services, arranging for the communion elements and for pulpit supply.
- At our first combined service on September 10, the current Sunset worship committee is organizing a barbecue lunch with burgers, veggies and ice cream treats. We want to recognize this special occasion and ensure that all feel welcome!
- We know more changes to the Worship Committee will follow as we start worshipping together, and we will look to Rev. Jim for leadership to involve more lay people in worship.

Communications

We have a draft logo for our interim South Regina United Community for JAT to discuss and consider for the fall.

PLEASE help out JAT with communications: If you hear anyone say they don't know what's happening, link them to us or remind them there are regular online and paper newsletters - and to check your church bulletin board.

Thank you for bringing the Joint Amalgamation Team your questions or concerns. This helps us to address areas needing more work to help us all through our transitions.

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