

UPDATE

May 18, 2023

from Joint Amalgamation Team (JAT), *South Regina United Community*

(Wesley and Sunset United communities working toward amalgamation)

The *Joint Amalgamation Team* met on May 16 for the third time. We continue to work toward achieving our two purposes:

- developing a memorandum of understanding and a partnership plan for amalgamation decisions as they evolve
- working out how we will begin to worship as one faith community this coming September

What decisions has JAT made so far?

- On April 30, we chose an interim name for our joint faith community: *South Regina United Community*, and we will strive to use this when referring to our potential future together. When the time comes for a permanent name, all members will have input on that decision.
- In early May, we set in motion some working teams of Wesley and Sunset people preparing for September's changes. For example, people are starting to discuss governance and finance matters, how committees such as Ministry & Personnel, Worship, Affirming and Community Service/Social Justice could work, tours of our kitchens, a discussion of how house groups might work differently, or how we'll display the banners from each community - all things that we need to address as we make this transition.
- We know that some people are still curious about property matters, and we are gathering some information to provide a report on that topic - timing for that is likely to be late June or during the summer.

Finally, here's another question we've heard:

Q: *What kind of shape is the Sunset building in? Is there a chance we could face similar repair needs to Wesley's in the future?*

A: Sunset's building is in good condition, with regular maintenance as required and recent upgrades to flooring in the addition completed in 2003-2004. Our Property Committee lead is Ken Fensom and several volunteers assist him. A roof repair of up to approximately \$20,000 is scheduled for

this summer, addressing problems caused by ice build-up issues at the front and back doors of the hallway joining the original building to the addition. We plan and budget for maintenance and don't expect other major expenses soon.

PLEASE help 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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