

**JAT UPDATE**  
**September 21, 2023**  
from Joint Amalgamation Team (JAT), South Regina United Community  
(Wesley and Sunset United communities working toward amalgamation)

Our *Joint Amalgamation Team* met for the eighth time on September 20.  
(Yes, we are intentionally counting how many times we meet!)

**Happening in September:**

- Watch for paper mail coming your way soon. This is our promised *Memorandum of Understanding #1* combined with an update on progress and plans to date. We are taking the unusual step to send paper mail to ensure we reach all of you with this important information.
- Our new website [sruc.ca](http://sruc.ca) is up and running to provide essential information about each building's rental space, worship location and times, etc. Thank you to Office Coordinator Polly Williams-Olesen and volunteer Donna Hudson for making this happen.
- People at Wesley are continuing to prepare for the sale of the building at 3913 Hillsdale.
- Many people are wrapping up lists of furniture, materials and other assets from both buildings, which we aim to complete by October 15. This is a thankless task that all communities of faith should do routinely, but usually don't (we are human, after all). JAT says THANK YOU! and please, if you would like assistance, contact one of us.
- Five volunteers met at 177 Sunset Drive one Saturday to purge the crawl space/basement area and fill a giant disposal bin. Property lead Ken Fensom was there to supervise, but all involved have sworn to secrecy the details on some items that went into that bin.

**Plans for October:**

- We are grateful for Trina Hodgson and Christa Eidsness who are planning a transition workshop for us for later in the fall. JAT will entice you to this gathering by offering pots of chili. Date TBD.
- Some known formerly as the Wesley Men's Group have often held a garage sale, and now is planning a sale for Oct 27 and 28 at 3913 Hillsdale. Any of us are welcome to put items in that sale or to assist. Contact Darwin Roske to offer your help.
- Linda Gunningham is reaching out to see how many people want to get involved in some online meeting groups that were occurring at Wesley and may still be of interest to continue: e.g., book club, prayer groups and coffee chats.

**What's the process for deciding what to do with all our significant property items?**

- The Sunset Board, Wesley Council and JAT are keeping each other informed about the steps we're taking to move, disperse, donate or discard items. Working together, we want to enhance our shared building to make it welcoming for all.
- We have delegated many decisions to the two Property leads Darwin Roske and Ken Fensom, who will use input from others on how items are used now or can be in the future: e.g., our caretaking staff, our worship committee, our kitchen teams, our music director, pianist and choral members.
- JAT chose to give first choice on items to donate to Lumsden Beach Camp (LBC); other items will go to United Churches in our Region. We will use the Regional Council Facebook page to offer these items up for claiming. (Policy guidance is that we cannot sell items to another United Church.) The deadline for LBC or other United Churches to claim items will be October 24 - coinciding nicely with that planned garage sale!
- Note that we must report on the dispersal of significant items to the Living Skies Regional Council.

**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.**

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