

REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES of the REGION

NOMINATIONS

P2P Has Many Caring, Hard Working Volunteers: P2P is blessed to have well over 150 members of Prairie to Pine serving on committees, boards, and task groups, doing work for the Region and the wider church. Added to that are 16 P2P Commissioners to GC 44, and over 65 Pastoral Charge Supervisors. The Nominating committee regularly speaks to people who are volunteering in more than one role to support the wider United Church. The rumor that people are not willing to step up and get involved is not true. YES, people are definitely “pandemic tired”, but many P2P members are still engaged and working hard. The YAAY Committee is especially active. Even though most of us don’t usually hear the details of who is doing what, there is a lot happening and we say a huge THANK YOU to all who are doing work on our collective behalf.

See the Full Nominating Slate in the Appendix: The P2P Nominating committee is pleased to share the 2022-23 complete slate of members of the Regional Boards, Committees and Task Groups with you. You will find it in the Appendix section of the workbook. The nominating slate is continually getting updated as new members step into the work. Throughout the year, the nominating committee takes the names of new volunteers to the P2P Executive meetings for consideration and approval.

Still seeking more volunteers - and we need your help to find them: No doubt you will notice that there are some empty spaces in this regional list. The Nominating Committee believes that it is important to find a good fit so that people are volunteering for work that they will find fulfilling and energizing. We try to not simply seek out warm bodies to fill the vacancies. But - we do not know all of you.

We would like to know what interests you, what gifts and skills you have to offer, and what new skills you are wanting to develop. This year, as well as postings in the P2P Weekly News and on the P2P website, we have sent an individual email to all who attended the 2021 Annual meeting. We will continue to look for new ways to reach out to folks. But No Surprise, it is still the individual personal conversations that are most effective. All that to say, we rely on your help to know who we should be approaching. If you think that you or someone you know, might be a good fit for one of the volunteer opportunities with the Region, or with one of the related boards or interest groups, please let us know.

Watch for more opportunities: New volunteer opportunities come up regularly and are usually posted in the newsletter and under the Governance/Nominations tabs on the P2P website. Volunteers tell us that they enjoy being involved and connecting with people from across the region. They also tell us that the workload is usually quite manageable, and that ZOOM is easier than travelling to meetings, esp. in the winter. From committees to short-term task groups, from finances to social justice, there is a spot, and a good fit waiting for you. To see current opportunities, [click here](#).

Prairie to Pine Nominating Committee consists of Teresa Melnychuk, Anna Stewart, Frances Flook, Joey Dearborn and Betty Kelly. We are also ably supported by Julie Graham, and Cherry Abad. We could not do our work without them and their technical expertise in the background. Julie’s input about what the nominating committees in other regions are doing is an added gift.

The Nominating Committee would be delighted to talk with you further and help you discern where you might comfortably volunteer. Contact us at p2p.nominations@gmail.com.

*Respectfully submitted by
Betty Kelly, on behalf of P2P Nominating Committee*

**PASTORAL RELATIONS
COMMISSION**

The Pastoral Relations Commission (PRC) continues its work through monthly meetings held by conference call. The dedicated persons appointed to this Commission are supported in our work by Judy Hare, Pastoral Relations Minister and Elsie Douglas, Secretary of the PRC as well as those who are appointed as Liaisons to work with Communities of Faith throughout the current pastoral relations process.

Much of our work follows a similar pattern:

- We provide training and support to those serving as Liaison throughout the pastoral relations process
- We appoint Pastoral Charge Supervisors and receive and review their Annual Reports
- We receive requests from ministry personnel who are requesting a change in pastoral relations or seeking to begin a sabbatical
- We receive requests for support from Communities of Faith when they are seeking to increase or decrease ministry time and when they are about to begin the process to search for a new minister
- We receive and review ministry profiles from communities of faith when they are beginning the search process, and provide support as they upload the material to Church Hub
- We receive and review calls and appointments resulting from the search process or renewal of current appointments
- We provide support for an alternate pastoral relations process to the eighteen Indigenous Communities of Faith in Prairie to Pine Regional Council through the dedication of two of our Liaisons (Aileen Urquhart and Lorraine Kakegamic)
- We provide personnel to attend meetings of governing bodies and communities of faith when pastoral relations matters are being discussed and/or when Liaisons are unavailable to attend

While much of our work seems to be routine, it is not without its challenges. We continue to work with communities of faith who struggle with access to Church Hub and to the websites which continue the most current handbooks related to our work. We recognize that there continues to be unequal access to the internet throughout our region.

We are also aware that there is a significant number of postings for part-time ministries within our regional council which fail to attract applicants. From this reality, came the workshop on Collaborative Ministry which was held in January. We are confident that these conversations will lead to opportunities for new ministry arrangements within our Region, and led to the development of a policy which was approved by the Regional Council Executive at its meeting of March 3, 2022. This policy will require communities of faith with part-time ministry to explore the possibility of collaborative ministry as part of the process of developing a new ministry profile when seeking a new minister.

Decision made by the Mission Support Grant Committee of the Indigenous Council resulted in increases to the Mission Support Grants for several Indigenous Communities of Faith within the Prairie to Pine Regional Council enabling them to pay fulltime ministry in their pastoral charges. We are also in the process of approving the first Ministry Sharing agreement between three Indigenous ministries enabling the appointment of a minister to serve fulltime.

The work of the PRC is a collaborative process. I appreciate the support of the Liaisons: Linda Buchanan, Elizabeth Brown, Virginia Coleman, Mona Denton, Lorraine Kakegamic, Harold Kenyon, Sherri McConnell, Aileen Urquhart, Kathy Platt, Patrick Woodbeck and those who also serve as members of the PRC (Linda Buchanan, Lorraine Kakegamic, Harold Kenyon, Sherri McConnell and Aileen Urquhart). Our thanks to Mel Kauppila and Kristin Woodburke who completed their time as Liaisons during this past year. Together we pool our gifts and our enthusiasm as we share in this work.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Best, Chair
Pastoral Relations Commission*

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY OF FAITH SUPPORT

Some of the work of the Committee on Community of Faith Support (CCFS) is related to the mandates of The Manual, some tasks are assigned by the Regional Council, and some work is in response to questions from communities of faith.

One of the responsibilities relates to Covenants of Mutual Commitment, Accountability and Support between the Regional Council and each Community of Faith. Since the 2021 meeting of the full Regional Council there have been 15 Covenants of Mutual Commitment reviewed by our committee members and approved by the P2P Executive. These will be recognized and celebrated during the May 6 - 7 meeting, bringing the total to 132 covenanted communities of faith. Covenants with two non-Indigenous communities of faith remain outstanding or in progress. Nearly two dozen Indigenous Communities of Faith within P2P have not yet decided whether to covenant with Prairie to Pine Regional Council and / or the United Church Indigenous Ministries Council.

Another responsibility is to support communities of faith considering structural change. This involves working with two or more congregations or pastoral charges considering amalgamation or an ecumenical shared ministry. This is exciting work as people look at how they can do better together than either could do alone. At present, the amalgamation conversation with Rainy River & Stratton is nearing completion.

The decision to close (be disbanded) also involves the CCFS. Usually this means two or three meetings with the congregation and/or the governing body. Occasionally it requires more frequent meetings and support. Ochre River was disbanded in late 2021; Central, Kildonan, and Brandon Hills anticipate being disbanded later this year. Rossendale is also moving toward disbanding.

Congregations that are revising their governance structure (what some used to call constitutions) to a non-Board or Council model are required by the Manual to have their proposed plans approved by the Regional Council. The Committee reviews each document in detail and makes comments & recommendations. The same process is sometimes used by congregations just wanting to check out whether their written governance documents are adequate and clearly written.

For each of the above responsibilities, the CCFS has developed print resources designed to help congregations understand requirements, options, and possibilities.

When communities of faith have not submitted annual statistical reports or denominational assessments, the CCFS contacts the community of faith to offer support with the process.

Each committee member tries to maintain contact with an assigned group of communities of faith, checking in periodically to share information, or seek information, or just ask “How’s it going?” Some congregations contact the CCFS to help them sort out issues or explore options with an outside listener and reflector.

The CCFS has begun drafting a resource for communities of faith to use as they prepare their required “regular self-assessment” report. (“Regular” means every three years in our Regional Council). We anticipate the first group of pastoral charges will begin this work later this year for submission early in 2023. If you want to be among the first, please let us know!

The CCFS works closely with the Pastoral Relations Commission and with the Property Commission, sharing information, clarifying policies, sometimes collaborating on events. The Committee also has corresponding member status on the P2P Executive.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lea (acting chair)

on behalf of committee members Cheryl McKittrick,

Pat Bird, Silas Lee, and Judy Hare (staff resource)

(Heather Sandilands has taken a temporary leave of absence from the CCFS)

**COMMITTEE ON
LAY LEADERSHIP / LAY MINISTRY
SUPPORT**

The Committee on Lay Ministry and Lay Leadership Support is responsible for supporting, licensing, re-licensing and tracking information for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL), training related to Sacraments Elders, and tracking related to

Congregational Designated Ministers (CDM). More detail on our role, including a link to our mandate, can be found at <https://prairietopinerc.ca/about/governance/committees-on-support/cls/>.

This year we have licensed one LLWL, Allison Abbott-Wiebe. We are currently processing other applications and look forward with anticipation to receiving more.

We have completed our plans for relicensing LLWLs. We are working on creating a three year relicensing cycle and will begin that process before the end of 2022.

Recently we held training for sacraments elders. Licensing and relicensing is under way.

This year we came to the conclusion that having one person serve as a chaplain rather than continually seeking someone out for each interview session is the way to go. Many thanks to Rev. Jeff Cook for stepping up to take this on.

The pandemic has changed our understanding of what is possible when meeting remotely and when it is beneficial to meet in person. We anticipate that, as we slowly enter into the “new normal” that some online meetings will continue, but that in-person meetings will once again become part of our reality.

The nominating committee works hard every year to fill the vacancies on every committee. This past year circumstances led to some who stepped up being unable to continue. Many thanks also to Jamie Bradshaw, who stepped down this year. Therefore, we have room on the committee for you. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact nominating. We thank them for their continued efforts on our behalf.

My thanks go out to our staff resource, Judy Hare, and to all the committee members who help to make lay ministry and lay leadership a reality in so many places where it is much needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Schau, Chair

on behalf of the committee

(Jamie Bradshaw, Hope Mattus, Doug Neufeld, Marg Scott and Judy Hare (staff resource))

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY PERSONNEL SUPPORT

The Ministry Personnel Support Committee continued to meet regularly throughout the past year. Of course, all meetings have taken place via ZOOM.

Following the Annual Meeting in May 2021, our Committee decided to host a June meeting in order to welcome our new Committee member, Christopher St. George Davis, who was admitted to The United Church of Canada in 2021. We were happy to get to know one another and to offer Chris some background and reflections on the work of our Committee.

Our Committee was also pleased to note that our recommendation to the 2021 Annual Meeting Planning Committee to have Gloria Cook, Community Capacity Development Coordinator for the Indigenous Ministries and Justice unit to speak at the 2021 Annual Meeting had been accepted. Gloria offered an insightful and challenging presentation on the effects of colonization and the work of reconciliation which was well received. Subsequent to Gloria's presentation, many congregations indicated they would like to use the video of her presentation so that others too might learn from her. We are grateful that Gloria gave permission for this to be accessed subsequent to the meeting.

We responded to the request from The Prairie to Pine (P2P) Task Group and Nominating Committee to examine the Structure Document of the Region in order to determine whether the structure accurately reflected the work in which we had been involved. We spent considerable time discerning our response...we considered what work was happening....what might still need to be undertaken...things that are working well...challenges we were experiencing, etc.

The Ministry Personnel to Ministry Personnel (MP2MP) Connector program continues to be working well. This network of retired Ministry Personnel contact and connect with ministry personnel engaged in active ministry who wished to have such support and regular contact. This program offers care, compassion, support and a safe place for conversation as ministry personnel navigate leadership in these challenging times. We are grateful to have ten retired ministry personnel offering their gifts as Connectors with sixty-two participants in the program.

This was obviously a year for review, as we determined it was time to check in and receive feedback, suggestions and ideas for moving forward with the MP2MP project. A meeting for MP2MP Connectors was held in October, 2021 as well as follow-up contact with people receiving support. It became apparent that there was a clear appreciation from ministry personnel who are on the receiving end of this support. Connectors also found this volunteer commitment to be of meaningful value. People engage in conversation with one another through phone, email, ZOOM etc. The timing for any connection is determined by connector and participant. Sometimes it is simply helpful to know there is a someone available when requested. It was agreed that this program will continue with the knowledge some connectors and participants may choose to opt in or out.

We struggled with how we might support retired church personnel as due to privacy legislation, we are not able to access full and complete retirement lists with up-to-date contact information. Communication is therefore a huge issue. Covid has also prevented any face-to-face retirement gatherings. All ministry personnel are welcome to attend the regularly scheduled support time, hosted by Judy Hare on Zoom. This gathering is held bi-weekly and advertised through the Weekly News.

Since we do have contact information for retired ministry personnel who are in Formal Association with Pastoral Charges, we determined it would be helpful to invite such folk to a ZOOM meeting. It is our intention that such a gathering will help us determine whether ongoing support would be welcomed. The focus for our time together (to be held in April of this year) will be for information to be shared in order to update folk on what's happening in the church and to see whether they might want to meet again in the future.

NOTE: If you are retired ministry personnel and are not under appointment or in formal association (where we have access to your contact information) you might want to consider sending your name, address email and phone number to our Regional office so that you might be added to the retired list.

At each of our meetings, Judy Hare provides an update on the activities of the indigenous church. In the past year Gloria Cook left her position as Community Capacity Development Coordinator (CCDC) and Rick Hiebert returned to work with Keewatin Region in a half-time position. The name of a new CCDC will soon be announced. Keewatin Ministry Personnel and Elders gather regularly to worship together and to support one another. It was good news to hear that Mission and Service allotments were increased which has enabled percentage increases in ministry time - moving toward full-time ministry is the goal.

Our Committee offers thanks and gratitude to Cherry Abad for her cheerful response to the many tasks we place before her. We also offer our thanks to Judy Hare, Pastoral Relations Minister for her wisdom, leadership and organizational skills. We appreciate Judy's presence at our meetings and her ability to help us move forward with the various tasks we undertake. As well, both Cherry and Judy's knowledge of the church's structure and our role within it are invaluable to the work of our Committee.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Howell, Beth Rutherford, Joan Jarvis,
Judy Hare (staff resource)*

PROPERTY COMMISSION

The commission members are Ken Thomas (Chair), Keith McFarlane, Chuck Ross, and Wayne Sanderson, with Dwight Rutherford as a corresponding member.

The commission continues to be busy. The work is not only vital, but at times, an interesting journey into the history of our church in this region, especially in rural areas where older, small churches continue to close.

The commission meets at the call of the chair by conference call in order to respond quickly to requests. From May 1, 2021, the date of our last report, until March 31, 2022. the commission met ten times and passed eleven motions regarding church property in the Region. These included approval of one major renovation, two renovations financing agreements, a major lease, four listings for sale, sale of two church buildings and the sale of property adjacent to a church.

We currently have two more transactions active involving old, rural churches with no congregation and require determination of title and the actions of the regional trustees. One is still registered to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. For this purpose, the Regional Council continues to have three permanent regional trustees to be available when dealing with properties that are still in the name of the church, but no longer have congregational trustees.

We also responded to numerous property related questions.

The commission wishes to remind everyone that all United Church properties are governed by the United Church of Canada Act. Proper procedures must be followed and proper documentation completed for transactions to be registered by Provincial registries. The processes are not difficult and can be completed quickly if followed properly. We recommend consultation with the commission prior to proceeding with any property related transactions, major renovations, or financing.

The commission continues to recommend that all communities of faith who anticipate selling or renovating property in the future ensure that the title is brought up to date.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ken Thomas, Chair*

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

We helped plan and present the Affirming Celebration of the Prairie to Pine Region Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 30th, 2021, following a unanimous vote at the 2020 Annual meeting. "Our Place In The Rainbow" was our online worship of joy and celebration as Prairie to Pine Region became an

Affirming Ministry during the subsequent Annual Meeting. All the people of the Region (& beyond) were encouraged to join in Worship with Communion elements and PRIDE colours. The Celebration was continued with dessert and time for all to experience togetherness via Zoom.

Information included in the Prairie to Pine News Letter varied from month to month we have included some info graphics, dates and information for various workshops and information sessions throughout the year. We encouraged all congregations to send in the information about their Pride Sundays and PIE events.

Transgender Day of Remembrance information was included in the newsletter in November with the following organizations who provide services, resources and advocacy work to the Transgender community in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba:

Trans Manitoba (<https://www.transmanitoba.org/>) (and on Facebook), **Klinic** (klinik.mb.ca), **Rainbow Resource Centre** (<https://rainbowresourcecentre.org/>)

We have offered some financial Support from Equity and Diversity in 2021. \$350 was sent to Affirm United to support the Affirm Kitchen Sink series. Another \$350 was used to support FOUR Videos for Korean queer through Korean Rainbow United. (links below if you haven't see them!)

Video 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=sT3X1YYIDc0&t=231s>

Video 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAhgLHal0v4>

Video 3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=80QUNScogG8&t=82s>

Video 4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiCpE2_MzDI

We also facilitated a Gathering of Affirming Ministries via Zoom on Thursday, November 18th. This was the initial meeting of both Affirmed and In Process Communities of Faith in our Region. Members attending were vastly in favour of implementing an Affirming Network. Hopefully this was the first of many gatherings!

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Miller, Chair of Equity and Diversity Committee

(Members include Alan Gershuny, Cathey Day, Don Schau,

Hope Mattus, Kyle Kellar, Linda Rodgers, Meghan Chorney,

Stewart Hill, Yeseullyn Lee with our amazing staff support person, Julie Graham)



BURSARY

The **Prairie to Pine Regional Bursary** has been funded by donations to the Prairie to Pine Regional Council, by UCWs or Communities of Faith, and by some Interest paid from the F. B. McArthur Estate Trust. The Prairie to Pine Regional Bursary has been administered by a Committee within Prairie to Pine Regional UCW Network and usually meets in person twice a year, and by teleconference in June. In 2021, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we met via Zoom to make decisions regarding the Bursaries.



The purpose of the Prairie to Pine Regional Bursary has been to financially assist promising candidates for the Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) from our Conference who are registered in theological studies, as well as persons in the Designated Lay Ministry Training program qualifying for leadership in the Church.

Because of the Pandemic, and the difficult position all our Communities of Faith found themselves in, our financial resources for the Bursaries were sorely lacking. In 2021 we were pleased to award three applicants a total of \$4,000 in Prairie to Pine Regional Bursaries:

Pat Chabluk	\$1,000.00	Diaconal Ministry at CCS
Jen Carter-Morgan	\$1750.00	3 rd Diploma in Diaconal Ministry at CCS4 th year
Damber Khadka	\$1250.00	Master of Divinity program at AST

We sincerely thank all UCWs and Communities of Faith for their contributions and ask for their continued support. If your Community of Faith no longer has a contributing UCW, our committee requests that you consider including this in your future yearly budget.

The **UCW Bursary** of \$800 is awarded annually from Prairie to Pine Regional UCW funds to persons, at least 18 years of age, (and not in, or studying towards, paid accountable ministry). The applicant must be actively involved in, and taking a course that would benefit, a local United Church Community of Faith. For this year we had no applicants. Please encourage members of your Community of Faith who would benefit from this bursary, to apply in the future.

As well, the **Agatha Kaasa Bursary**, established in 2003 by the National UCW is available to women for leadership training, continuing education or projects/events that would benefit United Church work. This bursary application form can be found on the National site "search."

There is another National Bursary, the **Dorothy Amos Fund**, for any woman who is a UCW member, and not in paid accountable ministry. This Bursary was founded in 2012 in honour of Dorothy Amos using proceeds from the UCW 50th Anniversary. Both these National Bursaries can be found by searching under the particular Bursary/Fund name.

Our Bursary Committee wishes to thank both Judy Hare and Cherry Abad and the Prairie to Pine Regional Council office for their years of work on our behalf. Our committee also works with Karen Medland, Minister for the Office of Vocation, and Heather Dootoff, Financial Administrator, both representatives for our Prairie to Pine Region. Thank you all for your patience during these trying times.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlynne Smith
Darlynne Smith, Convenor
Prairie to Pine Regional Bursary Committee

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS (YAAY)

The YAAY Committee was hard at work in 2021 finding opportunities for youth and young adults to connect during the ongoing pandemic. From ALF 2020, we carried the “learnings of doing events online” over to Zeebu 2021 in February. This year’s theme was “All Our Relations” and we were ecstatic to have Former Moderator Stan McKay join us for the two-day Zoom event to share stories, teachings, and the best bedtime story ever! This retreat focused on valuing the relationships in our lives and the importance of honouring promises and covenants we make with others.

While our retreats are typically for youth in grade 7-12, we opened Zeebu 2021 up to both youth and young adults. We had a great turnout of 31 participants, including some from out of province, who were led through the weekend by our amazing 13 young adult planning team members. We were especially proud to premiere our music video for the More Voices song “Go Make a Difference”, which features youth and young adults from across our region. Every online event teaches us more about what to do next time, and we are excited for what’s ahead!

For ALF 2021, we had our first in person retreat in a year and a half, in an adjusted format. We met as two groups, one at Carberry United Church and one at Knox United Church in Winnipeg. The theme for this retreat was Looking Out For One Another: Mental Health In Unusual Times. We spent the day singing, having interactive worship times, playing games and doing activities built around the theme.

This year, we created a template to help communities of faith plan and host Travelling Youth Group (TYG) events, with support as required by young adult leaders. We met online with church reps in the spring and again in the fall to be ready to go as soon as it felt safe to bring youth together in person. Finally in November, Westworth United Church felt the time had come. They hosted a fun evening of games, singing and painting mugs. In December, Spirit Path and St. Mary’s Road United Church hosted an Advent themed event with crafts, discussion and cookie decorating. In preparation for TYG, a group of Winnipeg youth came together to practice and provide music leadership for their peers at these events.

The team of YAAY Committee members fundraising to help bring a refugee family to Winnipeg from Turkey held two fundraisers in 2021. The January Online Trivia Night was attended by over 50 people. The Trek to Turkey virtual journey held in June had participants work together to travel 900km over a week. Prizes were awarded for most kilometres travelled and most money raised. By the end of 2021, the team had raised \$5,063 of their \$8,000 goal.

In April of 2021, a group of 8 young people met virtually to apply for Winnipeg Foundation's Walking Together Grant which supports youth-led Truth and Reconciliation projects in Winnipeg. The team was excited to find out in June that they had been awarded a grant totalling \$10,000 to fund three proposed projects: a healing garden, a mural, and activities to build a connection with a group called [The Thunderbirdz](#), and in turn, with folks who live on the streets of Winnipeg. The team began work right away towards finding a community of faith willing to collaborate on building a healing garden. After meeting over the summer and fall with representatives of interested communities of faith, Knox United in Winnipeg agreed to work with the youth on this project. Ground will break in spring 2022. Twice in November they organized small groups of youth to join the Thunderbirdz on one of their bi-weekly walks in Winnipeg's inner city and north end. With the grant, they provided sandwiches, fruit, water, granola bars and socks to hand out to those they met on the street and in encampments. Youth who have attended seem eager to continue building this relationship. The team looks forward to involving additional youth in this activity and on the other two projects as well in 2022.

YARG, our young adults group, gathered five times in 2021. In January they had a Zoom meeting with Shaun Beck to discuss his experiences with living "off the grid". In February they met over Zoom to play games and catch up. In July, they met in person for the first time since the pandemic started, gathering for an evening of games at Crescentwood Park. For the fall event, they met at A Maze In Corn and had a fun time exploring the maze and eating hot dogs around the fire. The final event of 2021 was in November and was a joint event with some of the high school-age youth. They met for a board games night at St. Mary's Road United Church.

The past two years have been challenging for YAAY, because the connections that happen among young people in-person are such an important part of our ministry. We've been challenged to think in different ways during this time, and those lessons will be carried forward beyond the pandemic. We're looking forward to continuing to learn and grow as a group in 2022 and we hope to attract some new members to the committee this year. If you know a young person who might enjoy contributing to the work we do, please reach out to us.

Wishing our Prairie to Pine community all the best this year!

*Respectfully submitted,
Marissa Smirl and Julia Antonyshyn
Co-Convenors of the YAAY Committee*
