

**Prairie to Pine Executive Minutes  
March 3, 2022 via Zoom**

<b>Present</b>	Pat Bird (Co-chair), Diane Dwarka (Co-chair), Erica Wiebe (Co-chair Elect), Valerie Beckingham (Treasurer), Joey Dearborn, James deBeer, M Chorney, Craig Miller.  A quorum was present.
<b>Corresponding Members</b>	Mary Best (Chair, Pastoral Relations Commission), Betty Kelly (Chair, Nominating Committee), Heather Lea (Committee on Community of Faith Support).
<b>Regrets</b>	Julia Antonyshyn (YAAY), Marissa Smirl (YAAY), Grant Queskekapow.
<b>Staff Present</b>	Shannon McCarthy (Executive Minister), Judy Hare (Pastoral Relations Minister), Julie Graham (Justice and Communications Minister), Heather Dootoff (Finance Administrator), Jamie Mckay (Executive Assistant & Recording Secretary).
<b>Call to Order</b>	Pat Bird opened the meeting at 4:00 PM.
<b>Treaty Land Acknowledgement</b>	As we change in our work and understanding of justice and being in right relations, Pat Bird read a Treaty Land Acknowledgement.
<b>Opening Worship</b>	We acknowledged the discovery of more graves at a former residential school in British Columbia. Shannon McCarthy read a prayer shared by The Moderator, <i>Sunflowers in Ukraine</i> .
<b>Check-In</b>	We checked in by sharing what is currently on our minds and in our hearts.
<b>Agenda</b>	We reviewed the agenda.
<b>46 – 2021/2022</b>	<b>It was agreed by consensus: That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approve the agenda as distributed.</b>
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	There were no minutes to review. We will review the minutes from February 3, 2022 at our next meeting.
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	
<b>Correspondence</b>	There was no correspondence.
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>Finance</b>	The audit is underway. The auditors dedicated the week of February 14 to work it. We have not received new information from General Council for 2022, so there is no update to the financial statements.

- Nominating Committee** The Nominating Committee is calling for names and volunteers. Betty Kelly asks us to look around and encourage people to share their gifts and passions with the wider church.
- Equity & Diversity Committee** We received a report from the Equity and Diversity Committee. Questions about the report can be sent to Jamie Miller.
- Executive Minister's Report** Shannon McCarthy reported.
- EM gathering* The executive ministers are planning a gathering after Easter to work on re-writing job descriptions for consistency and format.
- GC 44* General Council 44 began on February 13, 2022.
- There is a lot of work for commissioners. They must attend all listening sessions and deal with all the proposals. To be efficient, we recently held a commissioner training session with all three regional councils.
- Staff changes* Karen Medland has accepted a job as the Pastoral Relations Minister for Chinook Winds. She will start June 1, 2022 so we will be searching for a new Office of Vocation Minister.

## **INCORPORATED MINISTRIES**

**47 – 2021/2022**

**It was agreed by consensus:  
That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive take the following action(s):**

**a) Prairie to Pine United Church Development Inc.**

**...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Prairie to Pine United Church Development Inc. 2021-2022 Board of Directors:**

- **Stuart Fletcher-Cook**
- **Gordon Goossen**
- **Lisa Lix**
- **Teresa Moysey**
- **Dwight Rutherford**
- **Del Sexsmith**
- **Betty Young**

***This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting minutes of June 15, 2021, the 2021 board member approval form, contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.***

**b) Rock Lake United Church Camp Inc.**

**...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Rock Lake United Church Camp Inc. 2021-2022 Board of Directors:**

- Cathy Ballantine
- Michelle Funk
- David Manning
- Jan Martens
- Valerie Mikolasek
- Bonnie Robbins
- Elaine Trefiak

**...based on the guidance received from General Council Staff, pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the By-Laws as approved by the members on April 6, 2021 of the incorporated ministry known as Rock Lake United Church Camp Inc.**

***These are based on the draft Annual Meeting minutes of April 6, 2021, the 2021 board member approval form, the board contact list provided and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.***

**c) Wellman Lake United Church Camp**

**...pursuant to the Incorporated Ministries Policy of The United Church of Canada approve the Wellman Lake United Church Camp 2021-2022 Board of Directors:**

- Joyce Bateman
- Lanaya Harris
- Breana How
- Blair Mullin
- Lucile Neufeld
- Max Polon
- Kendal Stechyshyn
- Candace Wenzel

***This is based on the draft Annual General Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021, the 2021 board member approval form, contact list provided, and receipt of other required documentation per The United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries Policy.***

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**

**Pastoral Relations  
Commission**

Mary Best brought forward a collaborative ministry proposal developed by the Pastoral Relations Commission.

**48 – 2021/2022**

**It was agreed by consensus:**

**That Prairie to Pine Regional Council Executive approves the addition to the policy and search policy and processes within Prairie to Pine Regional Council as presented by the Pastoral Relations Commission (MOTION 2021-2022 #19), effective immediately:**

- **That communities of faith in a Profile of Search process presently or in the future considering less than a full-time ministry position, be required to engage in conversations regarding possible collaborative ministry arrangements. These conversations could be with neighbouring United Church of Canada communities of faith or with ecumenical partners, and they must take place prior to submitting Profiles or Records of Appointment or Call for any part-time ministry position to the Pastoral Relations Commission of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council of the United Church of Canada for approval.**

**Committee on  
Community of Faith  
Support**

Heather Lea submitted a report.

The Committee on Community of Faith Support is presently or soon to be involved with six communities of faith on their way to disbanding. Another four communities of faith are considering some form of structural transition.

The Committee on Community of Faith Support is excited to share that Cheryl McKittrick was awarded the Lions Club Ambassador of Goodwill award.

**JUSTICE &  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Julie Graham reported.

*Refugee sponsorship  
meeting*

The three regional councils will be having a meeting with Khwaka Kukubo, Refugee Advisor for General Council.

*Pie Day*

Pie Day is coming up. Prairie to Pine Regional Council is not holding an event for Pie Day but has been promoting events from Affirm United in the Weekly News.

*Norway House  
Survivors Circle*

Diane Dwarka, Pat Bird, Irene Greenwood, and Julie Graham continue to work to identify people who could potentially be part of the Norway House Listening Circle. They have assembled an amazing list of names which can be used as a starting point for how the regional council holds this very important piece of work.

*Ice art competition*

We have had good participation in the snow and ice art competition. It's time to wind down and decide how prizes are going to work. It been a lot of fun with a fantastic amount of creativity.

We don't know what the future of this project will be but we are hoping to do an evaluation.

**Annual Meeting Planning**

Pat Bird reported.

Emma Seamone has taken over the chair position. The group has met twice and set the dates of the meeting which will May 6-8, 2022.

The next meeting is in two weeks.

*Delegate responsibilities*

We had a discussion on how the executive should define the expectations and responsibilities of those who come forward as delegates.

We would like those who come forward as delegates to see themselves connecting to the regional council and the executive for a year following the annual meeting.

We like the idea of including information about delegate responsibilities in the registration process.

**Structure document**

Pat Bird reported.

The task group is taking a short break and are planning another meeting to discuss the next steps and how to move this to completion.

**Next Meeting(s)**

The Executive agreed to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 PM with the next meeting dates:

- April 7, 2022

**Closing Prayer**

Shannon said a prayer to close the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Diane Dwarka adjourned the meeting at 5:10 PM.



Patricia Bird, Co-Chair



Diane Dwarka, Co-Chair



Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister

EQUITY AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORT  
March 3, 2022

Equity and Diversity met on:

Nov 16, 2021

Jan 18, 2022

February 15, 2022.

Activities:

- 1) Affirming Ministries gathering was held by Zoom on Nov 18, 2021 with 15 attendees.
- 2) Donation of \$300 sent to Korean Rainbow United to aid with the production of videos. We have and will continue to share the videos as they are available.
- 3) M Chorney attended Racial Justice Training on February 19, 2022.

Next Meeting is set for March 22 at 4:30pm by Zoom.

## Report to Executive from Committee on Community of Faith Support

March 3, 2022

The Committee on Community of Faith Support appreciates the sharing of minutes or highlights from meetings among the Committees on Ministry Personnel Support, Lay Ministry /Lay Leaders' Support and the Pastoral Relations Commission. This helps to keep us informed and allows us to collaborate on some of our work. We also appreciate the good working relationship we have with the Property Commission when both groups are involved with the same Community of Faith.

We are preparing to recognize & celebrate what we think will be the final group of 15-20 completed covenants of mutual commitment, accountability and support between communities of faith and the regional council. We are anticipating this will happen as part of a worship service at the May meeting of the Regional Council.

CCFS members have also been or will soon be involved with six communities of faith on the way to being disbanded. Central (Brandon), Brandon Hills, Rossendale, Kildonan, *Alexander*, *Miniota*

We have been or continue to be engaged with another four as they consider some form of structural transition – Stratton-Rainy River, Pembina Parish, Elm Creek, Altona.

Some of our work involves reviewing changes to community of faith governance structures and requires much back and forth conversation, often by email, and a lot of reference to “what the Manual says,” and “how do we describe what we do.”

Looking ahead, we aim to have Self-Assessment resources ready to send to the first group of 45 Communities of Faith by late fall, with the goal of receiving the first self-assessment reports just over a year from now. The Committee on Community of Faith Support understands the self-assessment as an opportunity for each CoF to reflect on how they are doing relative to their mission / vision / goals. We are excited to think about how we might bring two or several communities of faith together for some part of the self-process.

Our committee also initiated and look forward to being part of an online gathering for pastoral charge supervisors, to hear issues or concerns they have and to explore how we might offer support. Judy has agreed to set this up.