



**Laurie Howard**

Laurie Howard was ordained on May 25, 2014, at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. She was a Candidate for ministry from Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, Winnipeg Presbytery, and received her formal theological education through the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, with her field education at Stairs United Church, Dartmouth. Laurie's

Supervised Ministry Education was spent in ministry at Theodore, Saskatchewan. Laurie engaged her first pastoral charge at Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay, Sudbury Presbytery of Manitou Conference after an unexpected period of Medical Absence commencing the week after ordination.

In the fall of 2018, Laurie accepted a Call to John Black Memorial United Church, Winnipeg, with whom she engaged in ministry until a decision was made in 2024 for financial reasons to reduce ministry time and enter into a Collaborative Ministry agreement to search for full-time minister that they would share with Immanuel United Church. Health challenges in combination with the design of the United Church of Canada's Disability plans and Canadian Pension legislation resulted in her official transition from paid accountable ministry within the United Church of Canada to retirement as of November 15, 2024.

In ministry, Laurie built on her passions for engaging youth in a ministerial capacity, her love for story telling and her passion for justice and care of the earth and its resources. Since beginning to collect a pension, Laurie has continued "to do plenty of ministry involving many social justice issues."