

## **Committee on Ministry Personnel Support**

Our committee is made up of Active and retired ministry personnel and lay folks who work together to provide support to both active and retired ministry personnel.

Our committee is comprised of David Howell, Joan Jarvis, Susan Tilleman and Cathy Maxwell. We said goodbye to Christopher Davis last fall and welcomed Diane McKenty; this fall we also welcome new member Chewe Mulenga. Our Staff support person is Judy Hare. We meet monthly via Zoom with one day long in person meeting in October.

Our mandate: "The committee seeks to encourage ministry personnel in the absence of formal localized structures to support and encourage ways of collegial connection and opportunities to gather locally.

We accomplish this through two annual events, one for Active ministry personnel and one for retired ministry personnel.

May 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our Active Ministry event at Knox United Church in Brandon. The theme of the day long event was "Sacred Earth, Sacred Work: a day of spiritual renewal, land-based learning and exploring reconciliation initiatives with Indigenous partners." Leadership was provided by Craig Miller (Ministry personnel at Knox), Eugene Ross (Dakota Oyate elder), Sam Jackson (Dakota Oyate Pow Wow dancer) and Katherine Nichols (Lead investigator for the Brandon Indian residential school Cemeteries project). Madeline and Quentin Robinson provided music. Food was catered by the Inbetweeners group at Knox United Church.

Through worship, prayer, presentations and visiting the Brandon Residential school and cemetery site we shared time together for spiritual renewal, land-based learning and explored reconciliation initiatives with our Indigenous partners Treaty 2.

June 10<sup>th</sup>, we held our Retired ministers' event at Westworth United Church. We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church with lunch and cake. We were joined by Erin Acland the Keeper of the Archives who provided us a historical display of the work of the United Church of Canada in our P2P region.

Finally, we provide ongoing support to our Minority Ministers' group who seek ways to connect with and support one another. We supported their initiation of a pulpit exchange in May and September, 2025.

Our thanks to Cherry Abad for her ongoing administrative support of our work and to Judy Hare for all that she does to keep us on track and accountable.

We look forward to another year of ongoing work as we continue to seek ways of offering our support to Ministry personnel.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cathy Maxwell on behalf of the Committee on Ministry Personnel support.