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- **Welcome**
- **The purpose of this time together is to share the results of information that has been gathered to date and give you an opportunity to listen and learn as you share your thoughts with one another.**
- **We hope you will relax and enjoy the conversations**
- **No decisions will be made today - this is another step in the process of gathering information.**

# Today

- **Share the responses we have gathered**
- **Provide you with an opportunity to share with the group at your table - you will work at 3 different tables today**
- **Please use the flip chart paper on your table if you have something you want us to capture**
- **Use the post-its for off topic ideas and answers for the last question of the day**

# Four Questions

**We had responses from 48 people - not everyone answered every question.**

# Question 1 - What aspect of SSUC life and work do you celebrate most?

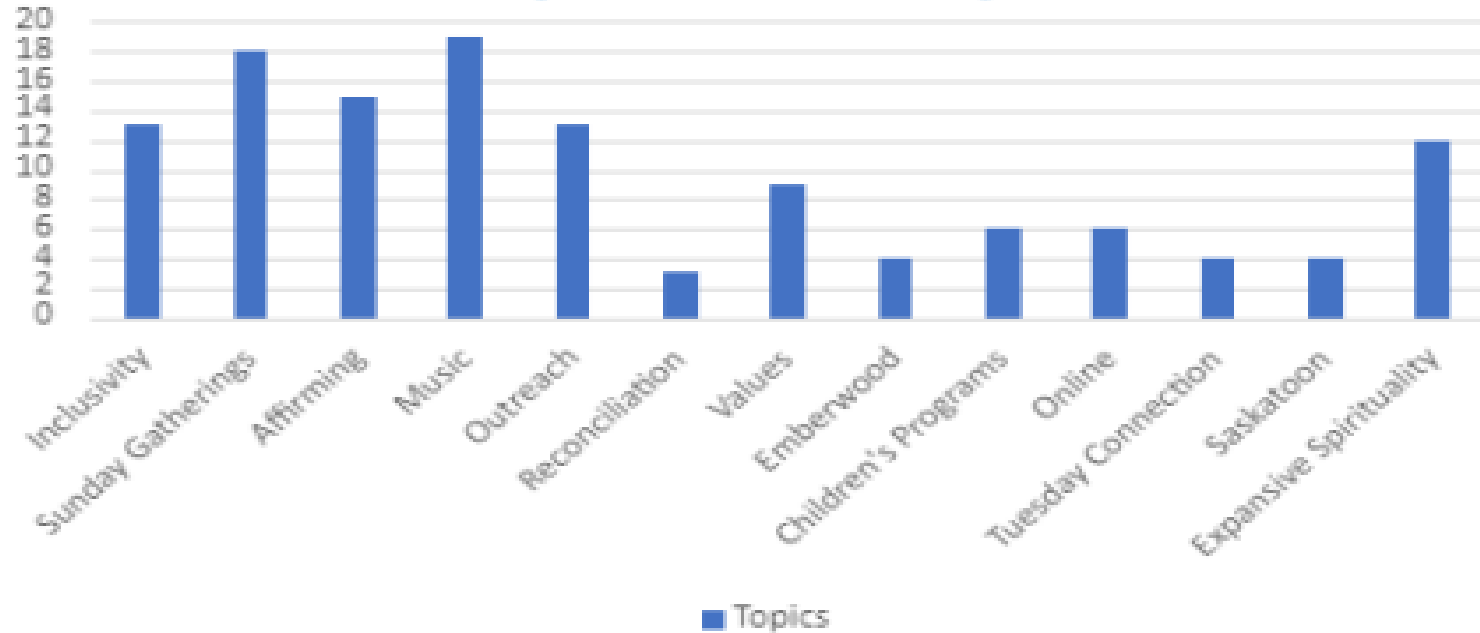
- **Many responded that the feeling of community and inclusion is most important to them - it is why many stayed with us. -**
- **Sunday Services - Our open theology**
- **The inclusion of the LGBTQ+ community - and that those who are online with us on Sunday also feel a sense of connection.**
- **The music**
- **Our outreach to the community**
- **Our land acknowledgement - reconciliation**

# Question 2 - Build and Grow our community

## **We heard**

- **from members of the LGBTQ+ community that they felt really welcome and included.**
- **about the attraction of our open theology and our commitment to our values.**
- **about the value of the Time for All Ages**
- **how important our online connection is**
- **about the importance of sharing our stories**

## Most Mentioned



# Question 1 and 2 Discussion

- **Are there patterns that resonate with your impression of SSUC?**
- **Is there anything you want to expand upon?**

## Question Three - Programs to initiate or revive

### Groups -

- Being loving, supportive, responsible parents
- Care for the caregiver
- Living Alone
- Book Club
- Adult Education
- Social Club
- Affordable Housing
- Earth Charter
- Refugee support
- Social Committee
- Camp Dragonfly
- Truth & Reconciliation
- Community lunches
- Bissell/Operation Friendship
- School Outreach

# Schools

**George Nicholson Elementary  
DS Mackenzie Junior High  
Vernon Barford Junior High  
Harry Ainlay High School  
Keheewin Elementary**

**These are the schools that Terry talked to - to get these results**

# Schools Feedback

Challenges Identified



- Mental Health
- Class Size/Ratio
- Special Needs
- Underprivilege
- Diversity/newcomers
- Family Support

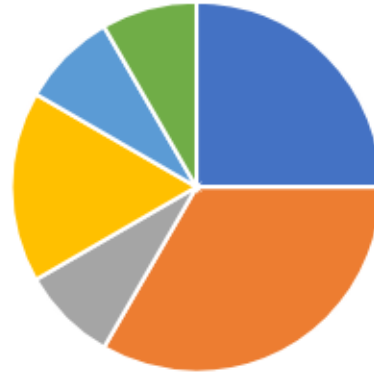
# Others in the Neighbourhood

Canadian Mental Health Association  
PFLAG  
Riverbend United Church  
St. Margaret's Anglican Church  
MLA Richard Feehan  
Grant MacEwan

***A very positive message was that “you know who you are -  
carry on doing what you are doing”***

## Neighbours Reflections

Advice for SSUC



- Listen
- LGBTQ Support & Info
- Donate clothes/food
- Volunteer/Recreation Support
- Communication
- Queer History Project

# Question

***Thinking about the programs and outreach dimensions of SSUC's life and reflecting on what you have just heard - what are the aspects of SSUC's life that you feel we most need to hold onto and carry forward; and what new initiatives or directions can you see on the horizon?***

# What is Next?

- **The Transition Team will gather up all of this information together with interviews and other wisdom.**
- **We will then begin the process of identifying the priorities for our future.**
- **There will be another sharing session where you will have the opportunity to provide feedback and insights.**



*Thank you*