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Southminster-Steinhauer Annual Report for 2022

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MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Even in my 13th year with you, it remains a privilege to be part of SSUC. We continue to find new and meaningful ways to be partners in this ministry, and each year seems richer for it. More than anything, I'm grateful for the opportunities to connect with people. The moments when I can spend time deepening established relationships or cultivating new ones are so valuable to me and I thank you all for the space you create in your life for me and the work we do together.

2022 began with Covid restrictions that saw limited in-person activity. Even so, we were able to accomplish some exciting things together: our successful fundraisers including PIE-day auction, the online presentation of "The Little Prince"; backpacks, underwear, and lunches for the inner-city, our first garage sale in a few years, and a fun and festive dessert party! We experienced small, distanced Sunday gatherings, online-only gatherings, and then the long process of building back our in-person momentum and comfort. We experienced the work of our talented musicians and we strengthened each other with support, encouragement through more Covid-related challenges. We supported causes with each other, learned with one another and encourage each other as we lived our values. Even through the many significant farewells of the year as we celebrated lives that were part of the fabric of our community, we have 'held fast to love' in ways that connect us deeply to one another. I'm grateful to be part of it all.

Since September, we have been back to meeting in-person and online, and with that has come the gradual building of energy and programming that we saw before 2020. That momentum building has been slow and steady, to the point where we are meeting more folks that are joining us for the first time or the first time in-person.

As far as tasks go, it would be impossible to catalog all the activities that comprise my ministry work. Some of them include:

- planning our gatherings, reading and researching, planning themes and pondering the wisdom we'll share, writing gathering components and reflections, and building visuals for the Sunday presentation;
- connecting with congregation members for visits, lunches, office meetings, hospital visits, etc. for pastoral care, connection and/or memorial service planning,
- participating in meetings of the congregation's committees and groups, including the transition team and board, and recruiting for volunteer tasks;
- Writing and/or sourcing curriculum and programming for our kidSPIRIT program;
- Collaborating and planning with other staff and coordinators like Emberwood, Camp Dragonfly and Media/Communications Coordinator;
- Personal self-building time that includes music and lyric composition, meditation, continuing education, etc.

This isn't an exhaustive list...it's simply a taste of how busy your Ministry Team is on a daily basis, and is accomplished always with an eye toward balance: balancing relational and paper work, balancing work and home lives. Thank you to this community for the freedom and the understanding of the complex work, and the harmony we try to attain to keep ourselves healthy and excited for our work together. Both Nancy and I were able to take sabbaticals in 2022, resulting in much-needed rest AND the fruits of that time in the form of Nancy's book, "Habits of the Heart" and my soon-to-be published work of new music for singing.

From September onward, we were all adjusting to the news of Nancy's retirement coming in January 2023. From that moment, Nancy and I worked together to ensure a good transition, that people and processes were in place that would make the first part of 2023 go as smoothly as possible, and help us focus on the good and difficult work of saying goodbye. It can't be overstated just how much of an impact Nancy Steeves has had on our spiritual community. After 19 years of leadership, we will grieve, and we will feel her absence. Because this community is strong and vibrant, we will also find new ways to move forward, embrace new ministries and directions, and strengthen tried and trusted expressions of our ministry together.

Ariane Perreault and Daisy New, as program leaders in our kidSPIRIT program, have had a successful fall/winter that has welcomed children back to a well-planned and led Sunday experience for our children to learn and explore the values that are so important to us at SSUC. Our young singles, couples and families met one time in the fall, resuming dinner & games night – a time and space for families to be together and connect.

The work of *Emberwood* as a space for 2SLGBTQ+ folks to explore spirituality and nature in a safe(r) environment has been an amazing ministry. This year, with the successful receipt of a United Church New Ministries Grant, and matching support from SSUC, Emberwood has taken further steps in offering programs to the Edmonton queer community, as well as SSUC families through “Forest Families” retreat programming for congregation members and our chance to become more familiar with the whole spirit of Emberwood through regular Sunday nature moments. Thank you to Zoe Chaytors and Alison Brooks Starks who have taken this endeavor to new heights! We also had the opportunity in 2022 to welcome two new people to the team: Kiana Chouinard and Teri Kennedy-Flynn are the new directors of *Camp Dragonfly* after being committed counsellors for many years. It’s exciting to see the leadership pass to new leaders. Camp Dragonfly is a self-sustaining program that received some of its funding from a 2022 grant from our Outreach Committee.

A great many thanks are necessary: First, to each person who is a part of this community – for your support of the work and commitments of this community with your time, with your energy and passion, and with your financial support. Countless persons help in the everyday work of our community – the leaders, cooks and cleaners, our gathering musicians, dramatists, the gardeners, the phone callers and emailers, the thinkers, the care-takers, the justice seekers, and the behind the scenes do-everything-elsers, and the ones who await their opportunity and niche to serve. This is a community of people willing to pitch in and we are rich as a result.

To Nancy, my teammate for so many years, your partnership and friendship has been and will continue to be a gift to me. For your wisdom, your friendship, your artistry with words and our great working relationship: thank you. Aynsley deserves so many thanks. The office runs smoothly because of her skills with people, with the sometimes unbelievable number of ways that Aynsley is able to provide support, documents, technical skills and know-how for all of us. She handles more tasks and communicates with more people and deals with more challenges on a weekly basis than anyone could guess, and does it calmly and professionally. I am so grateful for this and of course, for the support and love she gives in all aspects of my life.

There could be no better place, no better group of people, no better and more important work than here at SSUC. For all who make this the great place it is to be in ministry together, I thank you.

Christopher New

OFFICIAL BOARD

Names for the 2022 SSUC Board were presented and approved at the Annual General Meeting held virtually on March 27, 2022. Missing from the roster was a Secretary and a Vice-Chair, but in May the board welcomed Meredith Krayenhoff as our new secretary, and in September welcomed Rebecca Aiken as the new Vice Chair.

Throughout 2022 the Board met mostly online, but in September and October we met face-to-face for the first time since the start of the pandemic. The Board plans to use a combination of virtual and face-to-face meetings in the future to accommodate our changing times.

The Board expresses a special thank you to Jennifer Guy, Secretary, to Lynne Wolford, Chair of the Ministry and Personnel committee, and to Andrew Redeker, Chair of the Property and Maintenance committee who have each served the board so faithfully for a number of years. Charles Bidwell, Chair of the Spiritual Gathering Committee for many years will also be greatly missed. Brett McKay completed his contract position as SSUC’s Communications Coordinator, and a replacement for that position will hopefully be found soon.

The Board was excited to fully support Emberwood as SSUC’s nature ministry though the shared application for a United Church New Ministries grant, and our matching dollars which will support this ministry for 3 years.

Although we passed a large deficit budget at our AGM in March 2022, we managed to end the year with a much smaller deficit, in part because of a very successful garage sale, December Dessert Party, and your ongoing generosity.

To generate more passive income, the Board invested \$50,000 from our Southern Homes Investment income to a direct equity investment with Just Like Family (JLF), a home care service organization. We view this as a social enterprise-like investment that will do good in the community and disrupt the homecare sector, incorporating values that are consistent with SSUC's. Along with other faith groups, as shareholders in the master franchise of JLF, we look forward to receiving healthy returns on our investment in the years to come and a part of meaningful change.

The big news of the year, was the announcement by Nancy Steeves that she would be retiring after nearly 20 years with SSUC. This took us all for a surprise but after picking our jaw up from the floor, a team of volunteers put together the most beautiful farewell party for Nancy (and Dawn) that I have ever had the privilege of attending. She will be dearly, dearly missed!

Nancy's retirement put in motion the creation of a Transition Team whose mandate is to "make recommendation(s) to the SSUC Board regarding the congregation's desired focus, vision, medium/long-range goals, and the associated staffing needs in 2023 and beyond." We look forward to their report and recommendation on how to best move forward, "post Nancy". No worries though because we are in the capable hands of Ministry Leader, Christopher New, who can count on the board's support as we work through this transition period.

On behalf of the board, thank you to everyone for all your contributions in making SSUC a truly amazing community that is making a difference in the world.

With gratitude,
Joanne Van Beek, Board Chair

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

TUESDAY CONNECTION

Tuesday Connection made its beginnings back in the early 80s as a Bible Study group with Dorothy Mundle, one of our former ministers. Being a free thinking leader, it soon evolved into a dynamic women's connection. Programming centred around cutting edge theology, as well as current political and social justice issues.

The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45 from September to May. Average attendance is 15 to 20. A Zoom attendance option is also available every week.

Discussion topics are diverse and wide-ranging using videos, speakers, podcasts, books and other study resources.

Social interaction and support for members is an important part of the program.

Submitted by Annabel Sheppard and Bonnie Berg

YOGA



The Wednesday evening adult yoga drop-in class carried on via zoom throughout 2022. Our leader, Sharon MacMullan-Baron, continued to do a wonderful job of guiding us through some gentle poses, breath work and meditations, while making our virtual classroom a warm and welcoming space for everyone. And always, always, we were reminded to listen to our own bodies.

Whatever your experience (or none), all are welcome to join!

While there were over 60 registered, each class was usually about 30 in number, and although many are local, the zoom format has allowed those from other provinces to join, providing little mini reunions for some family and friend members. While missing our in-person classes, (and pot-luck parties), the zoom format allowed us the ease of unrolling our mats in the comfort and convenience of our own homes, which was a lovely gift when temperatures plummeted, or the roads were very icy and treacherous.

In Pre-Covid days there was a \$5 drop in fee. However, during the Zoom classes our Yogi's had the option to pay via a donation to the church on-line or by cheque. We were pleased that not only were we able to pay our instructor but were also able to contribute to the use of space and technology at SSUC. It is more than heartwarming that this program continues to generate revenues for the church. It has more than paid its way every year since its inception in 2011.

We would like to thank Marlene Rubik for her dedicated work as administrator for the zoom program as well as for her work as Gatekeeper! This has been a labour of love!

Also, thanks to Aynsley for her administrative help, and our ministry team for their support. We are blessed to have the use of this facility!

Submitted by Jo Nicholas

LIBRARY

Books, About Matters That Matter

We, your librarians, are keen on lifelong learning. Which explains why, on most days, we watch back to back lectures which the streaming service Wondrium provides. As your librarians, we pounced on one of the newest courses that's come to be offered: "Banned Books, Burned Books: Forbidden Literary Works". In one of the early lectures, Georgetown University professor Maureen Corrigan reacquainted us with John Milton's *Areopagitica*, the 1644 prose polemic in which he opposed censorship and the licensing once needed to bring a book to publication.

As Wikipedia notes, this lengthy speech by the English scholar and poet "is among history's most influential and impassioned philosophical defences of the principal of a right to freedom of speech and expression. Many of its expressed principles have formed the basis for modern justifications." Almost 380 years later, such tenets as these still ring true:

✓ "Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties."

✓ "Who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book, kills reason itself, kills the image of God, as it were...."

✓ "[B]ooks are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life...as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them."

✓“Let her [Truth] and Falsehood grapple; whoever knew Truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?”

✓“Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making.”

Imagine that! In the act of reading a book, both “conscience” and “reason” can attend. A book can “contain a potency of life,” can evince the “living intellect” of its author. The opinions expressed in a book can be “knowledge in the making”. A book read, “in a free and open encounter,” can expose “Falsehood,” and bring to light “Truth”. That’s a book. Now imagine an amassment of books. As in a library.

You have one. One that’s chockablock with books, all of which are, in some measure, about matters that matter: the SSUC Library hoards books about religion, church, spirituality, theology, faith, doubt, values, beliefs, skepticism, Jesus, God and gods, and all such things. As the online introduction to the Library collection [see ssucedmonton.com/library] has it, “These are writings to be pored over and pondered, weighed and wondered about. And valued.”

That this appears *not* to be happening saddens us. In all of 2022, a year in which COVID-19 restrictions began to be eased, just 10 books were borrowed...and we two laid hold of three of those. If we knew why that is, why SSUC’s seekers seem not to want or need that “potency of life” that Milton pointed up, we’d strive to do more to make book borrowing more luring. Still, we try.

✓Books keep being added to the collection, often several every month—shelves *are* filling up. So the online catalogues, which open to view the holdings—by author, by title—are continually being updated. And the holdings are inventoried at least annually, and even twice a year: are all the volumes accounted for? Are they shelved in order, alphabetically, by authors name. In short, your Library is being earnestly maintained.

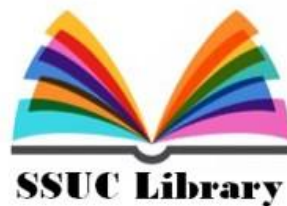
✓At least twice a year a new prelude to the online introduction to the Library and its holdings is crafted—just to encourage interest. The latest update points up how and why reading is good for you. It affirms, “There’s a wealth of evidence to support the idea that books can cure, console, and enhance wellbeing.”

✓A different text from the collection is singled out every fortnight as a “Featured Book,” and is previewed-and-reviewed in 200-word-long write-ups which are uploaded to the webpage and included in back-to-back issues of the *Morning Messenger*. In autumn, the 100th such blurb was turned out, this over a four-year span.

✓Based on, and intended to rouse interest in, one or more of the holdings, a new composition —“Library Learnings”—is posted to the webpage every eight weeks. A continuing multi-part essay, “Church: more than meets the eye,” has filled most of 2022 [and will continue into spring]: it asks, and seeks to answer, “Whither the Church?”.

✓Occasional of-interest writings are penned, and included as “extras” in the church newsletter: in 2022 for example, the SSUC Saskatoon vocal quintet, Nephesh, was pointed up; libraries were championed [“To read is to think”]; and attention was drawn to the National Public Radio account, “As attendance dips, churches change to stay relevant for a new wave of worshippers”.

✓Our minister, Chris New, who created in the first place this emblem meant to herald the Library...



...conceived another, perhaps even more becoming than his earlier logo, eh? Thanks, Chris!



By way of concluding this account, we wish...as we have in past reports...to acknowledge this fact of life: virtually nothing that's been accomplished, and reported herein, would have happened, *could* have happened, without the wholehearted involvement of SSUC's church secretary: thank you, Aynsley New. You do not have two librarians, you have three.

Ellen & Ken Fredrick

SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS TEAM

After a three-year hiatus, a new Spiritual Gatherings Team was formed in the last months of 2022. Your new team is chaired by Marilyn Blackall, and includes Bonnie Berg, Wade Garner, Susan Galloway, Chad Krayenhoff, Christopher New, Nel Ouwens, and Pam Patten. This team is responsible for overseeing the health, content, and functioning of the regular and special spiritual gatherings provided by SSUC, including ensuring arrangements for leadership, volunteers, music, technology and any other components that go into providing meaningful spiritual gatherings.

The team is hard at work in late 2022-early 2023 planning for volunteer help required for various tasks within our Sunday spiritual gatherings to assist Chris. The team is also planning for interesting and meaningful gatherings that can take place during upcoming ministry vacation and study leaves. If you have any feedback, ideas, or want to contribute to our spiritual gatherings, please contact Marilyn Blackall.

LABYRINTH AT SSUC

The highlight in 2022 was receiving our new Labyrinth in time for our Solstice Service and Walk on December 21st with a very large crowd attending! We were able to acquire this new labyrinth thanks to a very generous gift from the estate of the Late Joanne Graham, a passionate labyrinth walker and facilitator.



Our labyrinth is inspired by the labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral, France which was installed in 1201, and provided an alternative form of pilgrimage when it was no longer safe to make the journey to Jerusalem.

A few snippets from our Beloved Charles Bidwell: “A labyrinth is not a maze built to confuse, but a single pathway winding to the center and returning out again on the same path. On the labyrinth walk, we engage the ancient spiritual practice of discovery. As we move to the center, healing, transformation, and the divine can be known. As we return from the center to the edge, we re-enter the world with new insight and commitment.”

“Following such a pattern is a dance that engages us on a cellular level, returning us to a felt sense of the body walking the path of life. It is a pattern to be experienced and encountered as we seek wholeness in an increasingly fragmented world.”

Covid certainly affected the number of walks that have been held over the past couple of years but going forward they will be held to celebrate the equinoxes and solstices as our earth wheel turns. We look forward to welcoming you to our Labyrinth and would encourage you to become part of the Labyrinth Group.

Donations are happily accepted and go towards facility care.

Looking forward into 2023: - **Spring Equinox** -March 19 – 7 PM, **World Labyrinth Day Walk**- May 6 1-4 pm, **Summer Solstice**-June 21-7 PM, **Fall Equinox** - September 22 -7PM, **Winter Solstice** Dec 21.

Respectfully submitted – Jo Nicholas, Lorne Lea and Trudy Smith

ALL BEINGS CONFLUENCE – ALBERTA POD

Early in 2022 32 panels created by local Alberta artists were relocated from Martha Cole’s collection of “All Beings Confluence” and delivered here to SSUC Edmonton. This was one of several permanent moves that let groupings of “Beings” be repatriated to their regions of creation. More than 300 from across North America!

Our portion of the Alberta Pod was displayed twice in 2022 in our Large Hall and they were artistically arranged for viewing at the Leduc Art Foundry in August.

In late spring we received a gift of one of Carolyn McDade’s creations, “Turtles”. This was added to the Alberta Pod, 33 in total now.

We thank Martha for her creative genius that let unknowing simple folk create magnificent “Beings” and quietly become artists. Her retirement from ABC does not mean she has stopped creating...

An option for those interested in creating new panels to add to our pod can be arranged.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudy Smith, Companion to ABC – Alberta pod
Jo Nicholas, and Dawn Waring, Co-companions

CAMP DRAGONFLY



Camp Dragonfly celebrated our fifth year in 2022! We were thrilled to be able to return to in-person programming, entirely outdoors. We continue to acknowledge and recognize the needs of trans+ and gender creative children, their siblings and friends. We continue to live out our mission of providing spaces for creation, connection, and celebration.

Dragonfly Winterfest, our annual community gathering, was held in February 2022. We welcomed past campers, their families and friends, as well as members of the community to reconnect and enjoy the snow. As always, we are so grateful for our wonderful volunteers, who helped facilitate songs and games, as well as sledding and a meal around the fire.

Camp Dragonfly Summer was held in August 2022. Campers and volunteers were so happy to have the opportunity to connect in person, and maintain distancing and sanitizing practices. We had 70 trans+ and gender creative children, siblings, and friends attend camp this year, beautifully supported by our 22 volunteers. We also welcomed 8 workshop leaders to engage our campers in exciting activities. Children had the option to participate in a number of diverse activities incorporating arts, kinesthetics, technology, meditation, strategy games, and more. The campers (and the adults!) were especially excited about a unique contribution this year - a bouncy castle.

Parent and caregiver support continues to be a vital part of the work done by Camp Dragonfly. During summer camp, we invited parents and caregivers to attend a session of learning, sharing, and connection. We are so grateful to be able to offer free childcare for those that are not old enough to attend camp, in order to offer these parents and caregivers a chance to build community that lasts all year round.

Camp Dragonfly offers the deepest gratitude to the SSUC community for the continued support. It is through outreach committee fundraising, in kind donations, and countless volunteer hours that Camp Dragonfly continues to offer support, safety, and love to families across Alberta and beyond. We are excited to continue building supportive spaces and welcoming children and families from all walks of life to our Camp Dragonfly community.

Submitted by Kiana Chouinard & Teri Briggs

EMBERWOOD

In 2022, Emberwood worked to build a deeper relationship with SSUC and the community. Emberwood received substantial support, feedback and guidance from our Visioning Committee, comprised of SSUC and Emberwood community members who met for a total of 8 hours in early 2022. Their support was instrumental in developing a clearer sense of Emberwood's future. Through this work, Emberwood was successful in receiving a \$75,000 New Ministries Grant from the United Church of Canada that will provide \$25,000 per year over 3 years. In April 2022, the SSUC board approved matching funds of \$75,000 to support Emberwood in its work in community and these monies will be similarly be spread out over 3 years.



Emberwood completed a Theory of Change course through the United Church of Canada's EDGE program, and has continued to be coached by the instructor. Through this work, our Visioning Committee, surveys, and pilot programs, Emberwood has honed in on its mission: *"Through solitude in nature, adults gen X and younger adults in Edmonton AB who don't feel connected to a spiritual place will attune to their body's inner knowing, nature, and the present moment."*

Emberwood continued to be active in the community, providing a number of programs for both individuals and families. In 2022, Emberwood offered the following:

- Continued online programs in early 2022 (35 participants)
- Winter, Summer and Fall 24 hour solos (18 graduates)
- Queer Full Moon Campfires - ongoing monthly (75 participants over the year)
- Youth Community Contracts: Mennonite Summer Camp (40 participants) , WISE Grade 9 Solo (15 participants), Beaumont Youth Group (8 participants)
- Collaboration at the SSUC Solstice Event
- Forest Families and Rainbow Families: monthly drop in & weekly cohort sessions (26 families)
- Currently supporting over 40 Community Service Learning from the University of Alberta and McMaster students in their 20 hour practicums
- Offering monthly "Nature Moments" during SSUC gatherings

We continue to seek creative and meaningful ways to meet the needs of our community and look forward to some new offerings in 2023, including:

- Nature Ritual (indoors at SSUC)
- *Get Outside!* skills workshops (indoors at SSUC)
- 90 minute solos for everyone
- Continuation of winter, summer and fall 24-hour solos
- Community workshops
- Piloting 90 minute solos for specific underserved demographics (eg. IBPOC)

"Exploring solitude through Emberwood has introduced me to two of my favourite places in the world; one outer, where the sun streams beautifully through crisp autumn leaves that rain down like confetti and the trees share their wisdom if you listen long enough; and one inner, where the demands of the world can fade away for just a moment and you can just rest, recuperate, and recharge -- a nest for the soul." - Excerpt from a participant's 24-hour solo graduation speech

- Zoë Chaytors & Alison Brooks-Starks

RITES OF PASSAGE AND STATISTICS 2022

Lives Celebrated

Raymond Epp
 Ross Campbell
 Shane MacInnis
 Robert Seal
 Dorothy Kelker
 Dolores Wyatt
 Marion Seguin
 Paul Wharton
 Alfred Craig
 Joyce Strome
 Janice Krill
 Sylvia Thomson
 James Lockhart
 John Evans
 Charles Bidwell
 Margaret Foth
 Stephen Dufresne

Members Removed by Death (5)

Ross Campbell
 Dolores Wyatt
 James Lockhart
 John Evans
 Charles Bidwell

Marriages (4)

Steven Wagstaff & Kathleen Mooney
 Graham Siddall & Alyssa Thompson
 Ross Thompson & Jennifer Chamberlain
 Tenkai Luong & Natsumi Oshita

Removed by Transfer (1)

Lawrence McKnight

Baptism (5)

Kaiya Moore
 Edison Bilyk
 Keenan Martin
 Daxton Hudson
 Cohen Hudson

Membership Report 2022

Membership: January 1, 2022: 373

During the Year:

- Received by Transfer	0
- Confirmed	0
- Removed by Death	5
- Removed by Transfer	1

Membership: December 31, 2022: 368

SSUC SASKATOON



SSUC Saskatoon

SSUC in Saskatoon is meeting in-person at St. Andrew's College on the third Sunday of each month. We have been bringing our own food but are beginning to explore doing potluck meals again. We are now using the Vimeo web-call technology rather successfully, usually including Saskatoon in the candle lighting. A 50ft HDMI cable has been purchased to make this technology more accessible to the group in the lounge. We are thrilled to have the presence of Edmonton folk in our midst periodically and that some of us are able to travel to Edmonton to be with our SSUC family. Home Gatherings have been taking place on the

first Sunday of the month although some members are still not comfortable in the more confined spaces of a home.

The \$5000 Outreach offered for SSUC Saskatoon was distributed evenly among four organizations: NEST Saskatoon (aid for refugees), The Lighthouse Supported Living (shortterm/longterm living accommodation), Prairie Harm Reduction (safe injection site, and more) and ICM (support for the inner city community). ICM remains dear to our hearts. Some members donated vegetables from their gardens during the summer months. SSUC's timely Outreach donation in September was used to run wellness workshops on November 8 to help many of the ICM staff who are struggling with the James Smith Cree Nation tragedy (some were related to the victims) and the pain related to their own residential institution legacy.

SSUC SK led most facets of the Spiritual Gathering on March 27, 2022 exploring "Music in Transition" as part of the series, "I Once Believed: Reframing a Traditional Christian Past." Edmonton began the SG as usual, then we played a fully pre-recorded version of a comprehensive slideshow including readings, music and reflection pieces detailing our journey of reframing our music and how music touches us in very deep and meaningful ways. Many thanks to Dawn Guenther, Judy Guenther, Debbie Gunther-Hansen, Winn Thompson, Cathy Deneiko and Trisha Little for planning the SG along with Carolyn Hoessler helping with the technology end of it.

Affirming news: Living Skies Affirming Task Group hosted a PIE day event on March 14 using Zoom with about 25 in attendance. Trisha was a part of the planning team representing SSUC, SAM and as the initial organizer of SKAN (Saskatchewan Affirming Network). Some members of SSUC-SK took part in a large counter protest in October at Nutrien Wonderhub in support of their Cultural Days: Reading with Royals. Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community heard about some freedom convoy type of folks planning to protest Drag Queens reading to children at WonderHub and the word went out to the LGBTQ2S+ community and their allies.

SSUC has partnered with Emberwood to create a Wild Sanctuary project. Terry Harrison is the SSUC Saskatoon representative while they envision this new endeavour.

Upon the news of Nancy Steeves' retirement a Transition Team was assembled. Dawn Guenther is SSUC Saskatoon's representative as we prepare to send our beloved Nancy into the next chapter of her life.

A Time and Task Pledge Form was created for SSUC SK members to indicate how they can help with the local needs of our satellite community. A schedule will be created along with contact information so members can make trades according to changing commitments in their lives.

Trisha Little continues to fulfill the paid administrative duties needed to maintain communication, relationship and outreach within SSUC-SK and with SSUC-ED. She attends board meetings regularly and sends another member if she is unavailable. We celebrate living out our values as a single community – separated geographically, yet joined in every other way.

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Little

FINANCE COMMITTEE & STEWARDSHIP

SSUC ended the 2022 fiscal year with an operating deficit of just over \$16,500, well under the \$79k deficit that had been presented in the 2022 budget. Donations were slightly lower than for 2021 and other revenue (rentals and fundraising) was higher by \$20,000 than that in 2021, indicating an increase in the use of the SSUC facilities. Thank you very much to our generous donors who have stuck by us in thin as well as thick, and to the organizers and hardworking volunteers for the very successful garage sale and dessert party! Sale of Grocery cards continued through the year thanks to David Mayor and Aynsley New and resulted in income for SSUC. Thanks as well to all who have supported SSUC by buying the cards.

Total expenses for the '22 year were higher by \$14,000 than for the '21 year, (partially due to the \$10K funding of the Maintenance Reserve Fund), but lower than had been budgeted for the year. Fortunately, we were able to meet our M&S and Outreach goals.

In addition to the activity detailed in the Income statement, funds were also contributed and disbursed through our special fund accounts as noted by our Treasurer in the notes to the Balance sheet in the Treasurer's report.

The Servus mortgage was paid out in 2021 and the Maintenance Reserve Fund at year end stood at \$21,000, well on its way to our \$50K goal.

The Finance Committee includes Kim Boyes as Treasurer, Ann Didluck as charitable donation secretary, Pam Boutilier who coordinates the offering counters and Bill Hibbard as chair. Brian Rothwell has joined the committee and provided the review of the 2020 financials.

Clair Woodbury provided the review of the 2021 financials and for that we are grateful.

Since Covid restrictions were adopted donation counting has been done by Kim Boyes and Aynsley New.

The Chair thanks them all for their diligent work, and especially thanks to Kim Boyes for her huge commitment of time and effort as the church treasurer. It has been a pleasure working with them all!

The Finance committee has not had a formal meeting in 2022; committee members have kept in touch by email and telephone.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hibbard, Chair, Finance Committee

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church 2022**Income & Expense Statement Jan. to Dec. 2022****REVENUE****GIVINGS**

Local	376,672.29
Loose	751.16
M & S	30,704.00
Sundry	365.00
Non-Receiptable - Other Sources	<u>13,190.50</u>
TOTAL GIVINGS	<u>421,682.95</u>

OTHER REVENUE

Interest	0.00
Fundraising	24,036.58
Sundry	30.00
Facility Rental	20,506.69
Grants	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	<u>44,573.27</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	<u>466,256.22</u>
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EXPENSE**OPERATING EXPENSE**

Furniture & Equipment	244.20
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	5,166.00
Supplies	1,822.13
Telephone	2,780.58
Sundry	3,654.44
SSUC-SK Admin. Contract	<u>2,820.00</u>
Office Expenses Sub-Total	16,487.35
Bank Charges	1,273.08
PayPal Fees	285.97
Taxes	0.00
Insurance	11,585.00
Maintenance	32,585.17
Maintenance Reserve Funding	10,000.00
Power	11,064.50
Water & Sewage	2,936.19

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church 2021**Income & Expense Statement Jan. to Dec. 2021****REVENUE****GIVINGS**

Local	372,118.42
Loose	312.35
M & S	29,961.50
Sundry	275.00
Non-Receiptable - Other Sources	<u>21,887.18</u>
TOTAL GIVINGS	<u>424,554.45</u>

OTHER REVENUE

Interest	9.30
Fundraising	11,255.77
Sundry	0.00
Extra Loan Payment Revenue	1,730.00
Facility Rental	10,114.66
Grants	<u>735.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	<u>23,844.73</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	<u>448,399.18</u>
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EXPENSE**OPERATING EXPENSE**

Furniture & Equipment	1,333.68
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	5,166.00
Supplies	1,315.36
Telephone	3,014.24
Sundry	3,087.41
SSUC-SK Admin. Contract	<u>3,188.75</u>
Office Expenses Sub-Total	17,105.44
Bank Charges	1,304.53
PayPal Fees	425.89
Taxes	0.00
Insurance	7,087.63
Maintenance	23,543.30
Maintenance Reserve Funding	5,000.00
Power	7,005.15

Natural Gas	<u>6,475.80</u>	Water & Sewage	3,075.26
Utility Sub-Total	20,476.49	Natural Gas	<u>4,838.11</u>
Board Expense	0.00	Utility Sub-Total	14,918.52
Trustees	0.00	Board Expense	500.00
Finance Committee	299.71	Trustees	1,230.00
Ministry & Personnel	0.00	Finance Committee	609.76
Archives	<u>0.00</u>	Ministry & Personnel	0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>92,992.77</u>	Archives	0.00
 		Extra Loan Payments	1,730.00
PERSONNEL EXPENSES		Long Term Principal	8,617.65
Minister 1	115,080.30	Long Term Interest	<u>93.13</u>
Minister 2	115,735.13	Mortgages Sub-Total	8,710.78
Administrative Assistant	<u>43,649.15</u>	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>82,165.85</u>
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	<u>274,464.58</u>	 	
 		PERSONNEL EXPENSES	
COMMUNITY PROGRAM		Minister 1	111,210.05
Spiritual Gatherings	<u>4,446.81</u>	Minister 2	111,974.48
Worship Sub-Total	4,446.81	Administrative Assistant	<u>42,575.79</u>
Communications Coordination	12,600.00	TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	<u>265,760.32</u>
Congregational Care	317.24	 	
Website	373.29	COMMUNITY PROGRAM	
Publicity	1,728.72	Spiritual Gatherings	<u>3,281.37</u>
Broadview	2,300.00	Worship Sub-Total	3,281.37
Earth Charter	0.00	Communications Coordination	15,500.00
Social	0.00	Congregational Care	124.10
TRC Response Group	0.00	Website	1,746.69
Library	<u>251.18</u>	Publicity	4,513.70
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM	<u>22,017.24</u>	Broadview	2,350.00
 		Earth Charter	0.00
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM		Social	0.00
Adult Programming	0.00	TRC Response Group	0.00
Midweek Programming	5,117.40	Library	<u>313.37</u>
Youth Programming	425.00	TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM	<u>27,829.23</u>
Summer Programs	0.00	 	
kidSPIRIT	<u>4,254.40</u>	DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	
Congregational Development Sub-Tota	9,796.80	Adult Programming	24.35
Affirm Initiatives	<u>193.00</u>	Midweek Programming	4,486.66
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	<u>9,989.80</u>	Youth Programming	398.05
 		Summer Programs	0.00
OUTREACH PROGRAM		kidSPIRIT	<u>5,546.10</u>
Bissell Centre	6,000.00	Congregational Development Sub-Tota	10,455.16
Families/SW Community Needs	3,330.39	Affirm Initiatives	<u>226.00</u>
Operation Friendship	6,000.00	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	<u>10,681.16</u>
Operation Friendship - Casseroles	0.00	 	
Inner City High/Duggan Elem.	2,000.00	OUTREACH PROGRAM	
Social Justice/Kairos	200.00	Bissell Centre	6,000.00

Food Assistance	400.00	Families/SW Community Needs	2,827.75
Affordable Housing/Ambrose Place	5,000.00	Operation Friendship	6,000.00
Camp Dragonfly	2,992.76	Operation Friendship - Casseroles	0.00
Emerging Issues	2,000.00	Inner City High/Duggan Elem.	2,000.00
SSUC Sask Outreach	<u>3,750.00</u>	Social Justice/Kairos	200.00
Project Sub-Total	31,673.15	Winspear Special Fund (E4C)	0.00
ICPM Lunch	497.29	Food Assistance	400.00
M & S Expense	<u>33,000.00</u>	Affordable Housing/Ambrose Place	5,000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM	<u>65,170.44</u>	Indigenous Initiatives	215.00
WIDER CHURCH		Camp Dragonfly	0.00
Presbytery / Conference	<u>18,085.00</u>	Emerging Issues	3,000.00
TOTAL WIDER CHURCH	<u>18,085.00</u>	SSUC Sask Outreach	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>482,719.83</u>	Project Sub-Total	30,642.75
NET INCOME	<u><u>-16,463.61</u></u>	ICPM Lunch	458.81
Generated On: 2023-02-07		M & S Expense	33,000.00
		TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM	<u>64,101.56</u>
		WIDER CHURCH	
		Presbytery / Conference	<u>20,302.00</u>
		TOTAL WIDER CHURCH	<u>20,302.00</u>
		TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>470,840.12</u>
		NET INCOME	<u>-22,440.94</u>

GROCERY CARDS

We completed eight years in this fundraiser in October 2022.

We have sold a total of \$947,225 in cards and have made a total profit of \$55,575.25 which initially was used to help fund the kitchen renovation, and now goes into general revenue.

The profit for 2022 was \$4630.25 which is down from a high of \$8775.25 back in 2017, pre covid days. Of course, sales have slowed due to the closure of the church, however cards are still available at the church office every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. During 2022 we also relied on delivery of the cards. The church has now reopened.

At the end of 2022, we had \$39,775 in outstanding cards which shows as cash on hand in the financial statement. \$84,000 in new cards were purchased in 2022.

We continue to make 6% profit on Safeway/Sobeys/Freshco, 5% on PC/Superstore/No Frills, and 6% on Save on foods.

For those who support the program, we thank you. Those people love the program as it helps with their budgeting on an ever-increasing household expense.

We would encourage anyone who has not participated in the program to give it a try. This is just an alternative way of paying for your groceries, as painful as that is. The cards can also be given out as gifts for those people who already have everything they need.

David Mayor

ZATOUN



FAIR TRADE OLIVE OIL FROM PALESTINE

For more than ten years now the SSUC community has been a strong supporter of Zatoun olive oil and other products. Before she handed over the record books on her departure, our olive oil organizer, Dawn Waring, did a few calculations and found that between March 2011 and January 2023 SSUC members and friends purchased some \$50,074 worth of Zatoun products! (Extra-virgin olive oil, Za'atar seasoning, pure olive oil soap and Medjoul dates.) Another \$4380 was donated through Zatoun's program to sponsor the planting and nurturing of 750 olive trees. You may see your purchase of a bottle of oil or a packet of seasoning as merely a drop (of olive oil!) in the bucket, but those drops do add up, and together make a real difference. Zatoun is the unique organization that enables us to make that connection.

From their website: www.zatoun.com :

Zatoun is a non-profit volunteer organization registered in Canada to import and sell symbolic products from or about Palestine to create awareness for a just peace for Palestine-Israel. The formal name is "Palestine Peace Awareness Inc." because the legal name of a non-profit must reflect its purpose. Zatoun is the trade name because it speaks to people through its Arabic character and direct translation to the word "olive".

When Zatoun was first conceived as a project in 2003 the word "Palestine" was hardly mentioned or heard. The reference was limited to "Palestinian" as a mysterious, voiceless and disembodied people who hovered and never touch down on land. Zatoun wanted to help change this

impression by humanizing Palestinians and contextualizing Palestine. It did this in a dimension of culture, of feeling, of realness which is absent from the usual barrage of words and images which Palestinians feel has portray them unfairly for 70 plus years. Think of Zatoun as their voice telling their story. The olive is the ideal carrier for the message as it is the universal symbol of peace, warmth, light, divinity; and it represents the land of Palestine and its indigenous people.

Through its products and activities Zatoun helps to create a context based in ordinary everyday life to view and discuss the situation in Palestine-Israel. No longer is it an abstract geopolitical issue involving power elites and undefined national interest but something that Canadians can experience, learn and share.

Many thanks to Dawn Waring (who has now “retired” from her olive oil career with SSUC) for introducing us to, and maintaining, the Zatoun connection for these past years. That connection will continue and our order for products from this year’s olive crop has been placed. Make space this year on your kitchen counter for a little “peace in a bottle”. It makes a difference!

Sherry Ann Chapman, Shelagh Parsons, John Doyle, Jeff Wink & Curtis Tufts - the SSUC Zatoun Team



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

SSUC Outreach came in many forms in 2022:

- Being an Edmonton Food Bank depot
- Making sandwiches for inner city residents & serving lunch downtown
- Walking to support others at risk in winter conditions
- Baking/auctioning pies to support LGBTQ+ youth and Camp Dragonfly
- Donating underwear for Bissell Centre distribution
- Filling school backpacks full of school supplies
- Gathering gifts for Bissell’s December Festive Giveaway
- Preparing a Christmas meal for inner city folk in Saskatoon
- Presenting Readers theatre events and benefit concerts

Locally, we have provided financial support through budgeted funds and often with over and above fundraisers:

In Edmonton to Operation Friendship Seniors, Bissell Centre, Ambrose Place (Indigenous housing), Camp Dragonfly, Coldest Night of the Year, CHEW (2SLGBTQ+youth and young adults), No Room at the Inn (mental illness supports), Inner City High School and Duggan Elementary School, Food Banks, south-side families in need, Right at Home Housing resident program

In Saskatoon, to Nest Saskatoon (Afghanistan women), Inner City bagged lunch program and Prairie Harm Reduction (safe injection sites and support).

Nationally and globally, we met our goal of \$33,000 to the Mission and Service Fund. Thank you to Gayle Simonson for enlivening this work.

Here are some awesome statistics:

- Our SSUC Edmonton Foodbank depot distributed 23,749 kg of food in the community in 2022, valued at approximately \$175,000. Special thanks to our weekly volunteers and coordinator, Peggy Dodson. We are always in need of Foodbank volunteers for this important work.
- SSUC gathered 772 items of underwear for Bissell's 'Drop Your Gonch' summer campaign plus \$510 raised through Christina Kant's benefit concert. Many thanks to Linda May and to Christina.
- \$900 was translated by our younger families into 28 backpacks full of school supplies. Great thanks to Jennifer Guy and all the families!

We are proposing a modest budget increase for 2023 of \$1250 (increasing the University foodbank by \$250, southwest families by \$500 and CHEW by \$500). **Our proposed budget toward local Edmonton and Saskatoon outreach: \$42,000; Mission & Service goal of \$33,000. Total proposed 2023 Outreach Budget: \$75,000.**

It was humbling this year for SSUC to be nominated by Bissell Centre for a National Philanthropy award. Glenn Fredeen and Christopher New accepted that award on our behalf. **No doubt it will inspire us to greater generosity and further examination of injustices and inequities that need to be addressed.** Bernie Hardin has been encouraging our Tuesday Connections women's group to learn more about "the common good" and "guaranteed annual income". Real and enduring solutions are needed for all. Would you like to talk further about possibilities?

Special thanks to Judy Dube, Glenn Fredeen, Bill Stephenson, Maie Kellerman and Christopher New who form the current Outreach Committee with me and take the lead on many projects. We are eager for passionate folk seeking justice and spreading kindness to join us with your ideas, vision and actions. Please be in touch with any of us.

A significant year awaits as we learn more about Operation Friendship's recent challenges and hopefully welcome a new family to Canada.

With deep gratitude to all our SSUC family for your generous giving of volunteer outreach hours and funds, Marg Hetherington, Outreach Chairperson

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The M & P Committee currently has 3 members: Dale Irving, Jacob Kellerman and Donna Stephenson. Both Dale and Jacob are new members and joined the committee in September 2022. Carman Dufresne, Steve Hoskin, Marilyn McPherson and Lynne Wolford have resigned from the committee since the last AGM in March 2021. We thank them for their contribution. A special thank you to Lynne for her leadership as chair of the M & P committee for almost three years until November 2022.

In the aftermath of the pandemic, the committee met regularly online through Zoom and had the first in person meeting again in September 2022. Members of the committee had a general meeting with the ministers and the office administrator and conducted one-on-one reviews with these individuals. The committee proposed salary and benefit adjustments for staff in accordance with the recommendations by the Ministry and Employment group of the United Church of Canada. These adjustments were approved by the Board and are included in the 2023 proposed budget.

Following Nancy Steeves' retirement, the committee is very much focused on ensuring support for Chris. Members of the committee will collaborate with him and other relevant committees to have plans in place for coverage on Sundays for occasional time off for the minister, curriculum development for our kidSPIRIT and Youth programming and pastoral care in general.

The committee wants to thank Nancy for her contribution and leadership in our community, to the Board and every individual who was touched by her unwavering love for all.

The M & P committee welcomes input into our committee activities and are still actively looking for members to join us. We are looking forward to 2023.

Respectfully submitted.
Jacob Kellerman
Jacobkellerman49@gmail.com

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Committee members: Peter Blackall, Andrew Redeker, Richard Wong

I have appreciated the support of the highly committed and dedicated people who have donated their time and talents to make the operations and maintenance of our church facility run smoothly this past year.

Peter Blackall continuously checks the building for items requiring maintenance and repairs. Included in that list was replacing light bulbs, fixing the toilets, windows screens, door sweeps, door kickstands. He has replaced faulty electrical switches and arranged for window and Audio Visual repairs.

Trudy Smith although not officially part of PMC has been responsible for keeping the kitchen in tip top condition. She has been responsible for arranging for regular inspections and maintenance of the dishwasher, grease traps and the small appliances. The annual spring cleaning of the kitchen is always a major task requiring one or more days work by a number of volunteers. As in our homes, our Church kitchen is a vital heartbeat within our congregation. It is up to all of us keep it in a healthy, clean and tidy.

Richard Wong is the main liaison between the PMC committee and our facilities manager.

We also thank **Bruce McCarron**, our facilities manager, who has now spent a year in the position, present many days and nights to keep the building and grounds in good, clean condition.

Some of the important initiatives to maintain our property during 2022 included: re-signing our contract with our facilities manager Bruce to take care of the weekly cleaning services and minor building maintenance/repairs, furnace repairs, replacing broken light fixtures, fixing broken chair pans, cleaning of the parking lot, kitchen appliance repairs and sump pump repairs. We have also signed a contract with a snow removal company to take care of the parking lot and sidewalk snow clearing so that we don't have to rely on volunteers to take care of snow removal.

We have repaired a ceiling leak in the main foyer that has been plaguing us for years and came up again in 2021. Further repairs will have to take place this year to fix the stucco that was removed in order make sure that the roof portion of the leak was fixed in a more permanent manner once the weather permits us to do so.

We have also had a shed break-in this year. Both snowblowers, a weed trimmer and a gas can were stolen. They also tried to steal the riding lawnmower but were unsuccessful.

Keeping our Church home maintained and in good working condition was willingly undertaken by over 35 different members of our Congregation during 2022. They keep our Church property looking cared for and operating in a clean and safe manner. There are too many of these dedicated volunteers to name them in this report, however, without these volunteers, the cost of operating our Church would be much higher. Those who volunteer also find it a wonderful way to

meet and get to know other members of the Congregation. New volunteers are always welcome especially with our currently vacant positions of Kitchen Coordinator and fire / security system coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Redeker
PMC Chair

AFFIRM TEAM

The past year was another quiet one for AFFIRM. Due to us coming back to church in person later in the year we missed the annual birthday celebration.

I attended an Affirm National Leadership Day online in May 2022. The speakers dealt with issues such as being a person of color in a predominantly white congregation, encouraging and integrating persons with disabilities into the church life and congregation, and a transgendered persons experience of transitioning from one gender to another and being part of a congregation.

Although this past year there were Pride Events that happened in Edmonton, there was no parade as there was not a City-Wide Parade Planning Committee set-up. Hopefully this year there will be a Pride Parade committee with money to get it organized.

Thank you to Dara Smith, Sandra and Art Hildebrand, Christopher New, Trudy Smith, Helen Paul and all of the other folks who have assisted us through out the year with activities like serving birthday cake and cleaning up afterwards and so on.

Here is hoping to a more exciting year ahead.

Submitted by Janet Campbell

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is an elected body. accountable to the Congregation of Southminster-Steinhauer United Church.

Trustees are charged with holding the "Real" (land, building, and anything else affixed to or growing on lands and buildings, and rights relating to these) and "Personal" property (Investments, furniture and equipment) of the Congregation in trust for the United Church of Canada for the use and benefit of the Congregation. The activities of the Trustees is restricted and governed variously by public stature, the United Church's Trust of Model Deed and the lawful directions of the Church Board and the of Courts of the United Church of Canada. The day-to-day operation needs of SSUC are overseen by the Church Board through use of their their current/operating bank accounts and reported by the finance reports and budgets presented by the Board at our AGM. The Board of Trustees is responsible for any other major financial transactions and investments not included in the Congregations operating accounts.

The present Board of Trustees includes:

Ernie Boruk - Edmonton, Alberta.

Alan Brimacombe - Edmonton, Alberta.

Arvid Hardin -Edmonton, Alberta.

Pat Seale - Edmonton, Alberta.

Rev. Nancy Steeves - South Cooking Lake, Alberta.

Rev. Christopher New, St. Albert, Alberta.

The Trustees are responsible for obtaining Insurance Coverage for our building and contents plus the various Liability Coverage. A Building Assessment was conducted in 2021 which included an additional Assessment in 2022 which has been completed. The United Church of Canada has implemented a self insurance program on December 1st, 2022 which we have become a member of. The implementation of this Insurance Program has not been very smooth and has required a great deal of work and frustration for Alan Brimacombe to finalize our participation in this Program. This Program should see us have a 30% savings in our insurance cost.

Since 2016 we have invested \$282,000.00 with Frontier Capital Funds Inc. The Market Value as of December 1st, 2022 is \$364,899.84 which represents a 29.4% increase to date.

The Trustees have a need for new members and have identified two people, Pam Boutillier and Bryan Rothwell who are willing to let their names stand and have them brought forward to the AGM for approval.

Submitted by
Ernie Boruk - Chair of the Board of Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

Musings from the Number Tracker

As treasurer, my position entails tracking and entering into the computer accounting system a combination of numbers from 0 to 9 which can seem fairly ho hum. However, there is so much more to the story in a treasurer's report that is not reflected amidst all the numbers which actually add up to the amount of **PRICELESS**. How does one measure connections that run deep not just in Edmonton but far and wide? How does one measure dedication and creativity? How does one measure commitment to a cause of spiritual engagement and enrichment? How does one measure compassion, love, and kindness? How does one measure generosity? How does one measure heart? How does one measure community? **ALL PRICELESS**.

With gratitude,
Kim

The beginning of 2022, still had us in the midst of managing the Covid19 pandemic. However, return to in-person gatherings, the return of the Garage Sale in June and other fundraising efforts as well as an increase of rental income resulted in a net deficit of **-\$16,463**. This was significantly less than the budgeted deficit of **-\$78,900**.

The Comparative Balance Sheet ending December 31, 2022 and the Income and Expense Statement for 2022 follow the written financial story. In addition to the monies shown in the 2022 Income and Expense Statement, a total of **\$150,564** was collected and **\$126,694** was disbursed through the Special Funds on the Balance Sheet. For a summary, see the Special Funds Collections and Disbursements spreadsheet attached at the end of this report.

Notes on the financial statements are as follows:

1. Servus Credit Union Chequing Account

This is the main bank account of SSUC.

2. JLF (Just Like Family) Fund

In April 2022, \$50,000 was moved from the SH Invested Fund and placed in this initiative (as per Board motion).

3. MVU Funds Invested

In late 2020, \$100,000 of the MVU funds were invested by the trustees in Frontier Capital Funds (Canoe Bond Advantage Fund). **NOTE:** The value of this account on December 31, 2022 was \$85,630.

4. SH Invested

This account was opened by the trustees in 2016, whereby \$232,000 of the Southern Homes proceeds were invested by the trustees in Frontier Capital Funds. \$50,000 was moved from this fund to the JLF Fund leaving a balance of \$182,000.

NOTE: The value of this account on December 31, 2022 was \$279,269.

5. Servus Credit Union Savings Account (SSUC-Saskatoon funds)

In July 2018, \$118,748.40 was transferred into this new account from Meewasin Valley United Church in Saskatoon. Opening balance - \$10,808. \$99 was added (interest earned). Closing balance \$10,907.

6. Grocery Cards on Hand

This account reflects at any given moment, the cash value of grocery shopping cards that have been purchased by SSUC but not yet purchased by individuals. Every quarter, proceeds from the sales of Grocery Cards are transferred into Fundraising.

7. Petty Cash

This reflects the \$200 held by SSUC – Edmonton and \$200 held by SSUC – Saskatoon for incidental expenses.

8. Membership in Servus

This is an accumulation of the yearly dividends paid by Servus Credit Union on membership amounts. \$262 was added in 2022.

9. Patronage Rewards Payment

This is a new feature set up by Servus in 2018. It represents a yearly fee rebate and sits in its own account on the bank statement. Fee rebate for 2022 was \$9.

10. Fixed Assets

These accounts were established to record acquisitions, at cost, to date. Land set up in 1998 represents the cost of the Yellowbird land purchase. Building represents construction costs to December 2019 and includes the development cost of the lower hall, kitchen upgrade and the roof replacement in 2017. Furnishings include major upgrades. For 2021 property tax purposes, The City of Edmonton assessed SSUC's land/buildings at \$3,424,000. There was not an assessment completed in 2022 as SSUC became exempt from paying property taxes.

11. Investment in Furnishings

A depreciation amount of 10% is taken annually, with a corresponding decrease in Equity in Furnishings.

12. Accounts Payable

Consists of supplier payables outstanding at the end of 2022.

13. Special Funds

In 2022, there was an ending balance of \$443,973. Of this, \$148,061 represents SH Proceeds (\$135,988) and SH funded projects (SH Refugee - \$12,073). The remaining year end balance of \$295,912 is represented in various other ongoing projects being undertaken by SSUC. A breakdown of money received and disbursed in these funds are outlined in notes #16 through #33 as well as summarized in table form at the end of this report.

14. Southern Homes (SH) Proceeds

This fund is being used to reflect amounts received (proceeds and interest earned) from the sale of the Southern Homes less projects funded to date. The balance of these funds are held in a trustee investment account with Frontier Capital Funds. Opening balance \$185,988. \$50,000 was transferred to the JLF Fund. Closing balance \$135,988.

15. SH Refugee

This fund is a Southern Homes proceeds internal project. Opening balance \$12,073. No activity in 2022. Closing balance \$12,073.

16. MVU Funds Transferred

This fund holds money transferred in 2018 from Meewasin Valley United Church in Saskatoon upon their closure. Opening balance \$94,055. \$99 was added (interest earned). 471 was expensed. Closing balance \$93,683.

17. Maintenance Reserve Fund

At the Board meeting of April 20, 2021, a motion was passed that a Maintenance Reserve Fund be established. Opening balance \$10,986 with \$10,000 from the Maintenance budget line. Closing balance is \$20,986.

18. Refugee Fund

Opening balance \$520. \$150 was donated. Closing balance \$670.

19. Garneau Refugee Fund

Opening balance \$4,130. No activity in 2022 leaving a closing balance of \$4,130.

20. Ananais Sponsorship Fund

The money placed in this fund is held in trust for a specific sponsorship. If the sponsorship is not fulfilled, the funds will be returned.

21. Yemane and Siem Ghebretsadick Sponsorship Funds

This is a directed refugee sponsorship carried over from First United Church in Ottawa, ON.

22. Christmas Eve Fund

Opening balance \$0. 2022 donations for No Room in the Inn (Canadian Mental Health Association – Edmonton Region) were \$3,165 and forwarded to the organization. Closing balance \$0.

23. Special Events/Fundraising Projects

This account keeps track of the various special events that took place over the year. Collective opening balance in this Special Event Fund was \$4,703. (\$979 - Affirm Activities; \$42 – Memorial Expenses; \$322 - SW Community Events; \$4,057 - CCPC Funds; \$904 – 50th Anniversary; \$50 - Sister Crew Right at Home Housing Society; -\$1,651).

-Affirm activities: Opening balance \$979. No activity in 2022. Closing balance \$979.

-Memorial Expenses: Opening balance \$42. \$1,972 was collected and \$1,981 was disbursed. Closing balance \$33.

-Garage Sale: Opening balance \$0. \$15,085 was sold and \$15,085 was disbursed. Closing balance \$0.

-SW Community Events: Opening balance \$322. \$904 was transferred from 50th Anniversary and \$1,225 was disbursed. Closing balance \$0.

-CCPC/Ever Wonder: Opening balance \$4,057. No activity in 2022. Closing balance \$4,057.

-50th Anniversary: Opening balance \$904 was transferred to SW Community Events. Closing balance \$0.

-PIE Day Fundraiser: Opening balance \$0. There was \$1,711 collected and \$1,711 disbursed. Closing balance is \$0.

-Sister Crew Fundraiser: Opening balance \$50 which was disbursed to Right At Home Housing Society leaving a balance of \$0.

-T-shirts: Opening balance -\$1,651. There were \$25 in sales. Closing balance -\$1,626.

-Coldest Night of the Year: Opening balance \$0. \$2,105 was collected and disbursed leaving a \$0 balance.

-Backpack Fundraiser: Opening balance \$0. \$995 was collected and \$820 was disbursed leaving a balance of \$175.

-Designated CHEW and Bissell Donations: Opening balance \$0. \$150 was collected and disbursed to appropriate organization. Ending balance \$0.

The overall ending balance in this Special Event Fund is \$3,618. (\$979 - Affirm Activities; \$33 – Memorial Expenses; \$4,057 - CCPC Funds; -\$1,626 – T-Shirts; Backpack Fundraiser - \$175).

24. Campership Fund (Camp Dragonfly)

Opening balance \$0.00. \$910 was donated, \$6,963 was collected for camp registrations, \$843 were proceeds from PIE Day, and \$2,993 was transferred in from the Outreach Budget. \$11,709 was expensed. Closing balance \$0.

25. Edge Grant 3 (Young Adult Initiative)

Opening balance \$95. \$2,800 was collected in registrations and \$2,895 was expensed. Closing balance \$0.

26. Wild Sanctuary (Emberwood)

Opening balance \$0. \$24,000 was added from the Bequest Fund as per Board Motion in May 2022 and \$25,000 was added from UCC Edge Program. Program fees of \$5,027 were collected and \$21,958 was expensed leaving a balance of \$32,069.

27. Memorial Funds

Opening balance \$777. \$11,710 was collected. \$1,624 was expensed (Tablecloths). Closing balance \$10,862.

28. M. Thomas Memorial Education Fund

Opening balance \$501. No activity in 2022. Closing balance \$501.

29. Labyrinth Fund

Opening balance \$9,765. \$6,179 was expensed (purchase of cloth labyrinth and storage container). Closing balance \$3,586.

30. Bequests

Opening balance \$53,201. \$24,000 was disbursed. Closing balance \$29,201.

31. Caring Fund

Opening balance \$1,762. \$2,965 was contributed. \$2,030 was disbursed. Closing balance \$2,697.

32. Facility Improvement Fund

Opening balance \$2,459 (Memorial Leaves/Memorial Garden). \$650 was received. \$220 was disbursed. Closing balance \$2,978.

33. Equity in Fixed Assets

These amounts reflect the actual cost of the land, the actual cost of the building plus improvements less the principal remaining on the long-term loan and the depreciated cost of the furnishings. Reduction of the long-term indebtedness will be reflected by a corresponding equity increase.

34. Givings - Sundry

These amounts reflect donations towards donation envelopes and Broadview subscriptions.

35. Non-Receiptable – Other Sources

These amounts are for givings that have been received by other charities like The UCC Foundation, Canada Helps, Benefaction Canada and The United Way.

36. Fundraising Revenue

Fundraising revenue consists of Garage Sale - \$14,232, Grocery Card Profit - \$4,630, Dessert Party - \$5,174. Grand Total of \$24,036.

37. Maintenance Reserve Expense

\$10,000 was expensed to hold funds for future Maintenance infrastructure projects.

38. Personnel Expenses

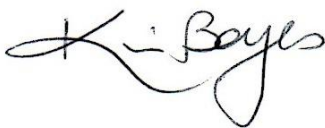
Ministry and support personnel expenses consist of:

<u>Nancy</u>	<u>Chris</u>	<u>Aynsley</u>	
Salary	\$88,969	\$88,969	\$34,785
Travel	1,287	1,942	
Education	3,260	3,260	
Telephone	484	484	
Benefits	<u>21,080</u>	<u>21,080</u>	<u>8,864</u>
\$115,080	\$115,735	\$43,649	Total = \$274,464

Benefits include employer portions of CPP, EI, and the United Church benefit package.

39. Mission and Service Expense

For 2022, the amount budgeted was \$33,000. Contributions that were made by donors and specifically designated to M&S for 2022 were \$30,704. M&S was topped up from Local Revenue to meet the \$33,000 budgeted.



Respectfully submitted,
Kim Boyes, Treasurer

If you have any questions regarding the Treasurers' Report, Income and Expense Statement for 2022, or the Balance Sheet ending December 31, 2022, please contact Kim via email: tzu-touch@shaw.ca

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

Comparative Balance Sheet 2022

		As at		As at	
		Dec 31, 2022		Dec 31, 2021	Notes
<u>ASSETS:</u>					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Servus Chequing Account		223,972		185,695	1
JLF (Just Like Family) Invested		50,000		0	2
MVU Funds Invested		100,000		100,000	3
SH Funds Invested		182,000		232,000	4
Servus Savings Account		10,907		10,808	5
Grocery Cards on Hand		40,172		38,806	6
Petty Cash		400		400	7
Total Cash Assets		607,451		567,709	
GST Reimbursable		1,054		1,311	
Memberships		6,818		6,556	8
Patronage Payment		9		9	9
Total Current Assets		615,332		575,585	
FIXED ASSETS					
Investment in Land		288,589		288,589	
Investment in Building		1,879,357		1,879,357	
Investment in Furnishings		54,728		60,809	11
Total Fixed Assets		2,222,674		2,228,755	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$2,838,006		\$2,804,340	
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable		0		0	12
Total Current Liabilities		0		0	
SPECIAL FUNDS					
SH Proceeds		135,988		185,988	13
SH Refugee		12,073		12,073	15
MVU Funds Transferred		93,684		94,055	16
Maintenance Reserve Fund		20,986		10,986	17
JLF (Just Like Family) Fund		50,000		0	
Refugee Fund		670		520	18
Garneau Refugee Fund		4,130		4,130	19
Ananais Sponsorship Fund		40,000		40,000	21
Ghebretsadick Sponsorship Fund		34,000		0	
Christmas Eve Fund		0		0	22
Special Events		3,619		4,703	23
Campership Fund (Camp Dragon)		0		0	24
Edge Grant 3		0		95	25
Wild Sanctuary/Emberwood		32,069		0	26

Memorial Funds		10,862		777		27
		As at		As at		
		Dec 31, 2022		Dec 31, 2021		Notes
M. Thomas Fund		501		501		28
Labyrinth Fund		3,586		9,765		29
Bequests		29,201		53,201		30
Caring Fund		2,698		1,762		31
Facility Improvement Fund		2,978		2,549		32
Total Special Funds		477,045		421,105		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		477,045		421,105		
<u>EQUITY AND SURPLUS:</u>						
EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS						33
Equity in Land		288,589		288,589		
Equity in Building		1,883,559		1,873,211		
Equity in Furnishings		54,728		60,809		
Total Equity Fixed Assets		2,226,876		2,232,957		
EQUITY IN SERVUS MEMBERSHIP		6,818		6,556		
EQUITY IN SERVUS PATRONAGE		99		90		
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS						
Previous Years' Surplus		143,631		166,073		
Current Operations		-16,463		-22,441		
Accumulated Surplus		127,168		143,632		
TOTAL EQUITY AND SURPLUS		2,360,961		2,383,235		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$2,838,006		\$2,804,340		
*The notes contained in the Treasurer's Report form an integral part of this statement.						

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church Comparative Income and Expense Statement - 2022

	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2021 Actual	Notes
<u>REVENUE:</u>				
GIVINGS				
Local	376,672		372,118	
Loose	751		312	
M&S	30,704		29,962	
Sundry	365		275	34
Non-Rec. Other	13,191		21,887	35
TOTAL GIVINGS	421,683	410,500	424,554	
OTHER REVENUE				
Interest	0		9	
Fundraising	24,036	15,000	11,256	36
Sundry	30		0	
Facility Rental	20,507	10,000	10,115	
Grants	0		735	37
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	44,573	25,000	22,115	
TOTAL REVENUE	466,256	435,500	446,669	
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
OPERATING EXPENSE				
Office Expense				
Furniture & Equipment	244	1,600	1,334	
Photocopier Lease & Printing	5,166	5,300	5,166	
Supplies	1,822	1,500	1,315	
Telephone & Internet	2,781	3,300	3,014	
Sundry/Computer	3,655	6,400	3,087	
SSUC Sask. Admin.	2,820	6,000	3,189	
Office Expenses Subtotal	16,488	24,100	17,105	
Bank and Payroll Charges	1,273	1,500	1,305	
Paypal Fees	286	500	426	
Utilities				
Power	11,064	6,000	7,005	
Water & Sewage	2,936	6,200	3,075	
Natural Gas	6,476	6,000	4,838	
Utilities Subtotal	20,476	18,200	14,918	
Property Maintenance Expense				
Insurance	11,585	11,000	7,088	
Maintenance	32,585	43,400	23,453	
Maintenance Reserve	10,000	10,000	5,000	
Property Maintenance Subtotal	54,170	64,400	35,631	
Board Expense	0	700	500	
Trustees	0	300	1,230	
Finance Committee	300	700	610	
Ministry & Personnel	0	100		
Archives	0	100	0	

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE		92,993		110,600		71,725		
		2022 Actual		2022 Budget		2021 Actual		Notes
PERSONNEL EXPENSES								38
Minister 1		115,080		112,500		111,210		
Minister 2		115,735		112,500		111,974		
Admin Asst		43,649		43,600		42,576		
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE		274,464		268,600		265,760		
MORTGAGE EXPENSE								
Long Term Principal – Presbytery		0		0		8,618		
Long Term Interest – Presbytery		0		0		93		
TOTAL MORTGAGE EXPENSE		0		0		8,711		
COMMUNITY PROGRAM								
Spiritual Gatherings		4,447		4,000		3,281		
Congregational Care		317		500		124		
Website/Livestream		373		3,500		1,747		
Publicity		1,729		4,000		4,514		
Broadview		2,300		2,500		2,350		
Earth Charter		0		150		0		
Social		0		100		0		
Library		251		500		313		
TRC Response		0		100		0		
Commun. Coord.		12,600		14,400		15,500		
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM		20,017		29,750		27,829		
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM								
Adult Programming		0		100		24		
Midweek Programming		5,117		6,000		4,487		
Youth Programming		425		2,000		398		
kidSPIRIT		4,255		5,000		5,546		
Summer Programs		0		0		0		
Affirm Initiatives		193		500		226		
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM		9,990		13,600		10,681		
OUTREACH PROGRAM								
Bissell		6,000		6,000		6,000		
SW Community Needs/Families Budget		3,330		2,500		2,828		
Operation Friendship		6,000		6,000		6,000		
Inner City High/Duggan Elementary		2,000		2,000		2,000		
Social Justice/KAIROS		200		200		200		
Food Assistance		400		400		400		
Ambrose Place		5,000		5,000		5,000		
Moving Forward to Reconciliation		0		500		215		
Camp Dragonfly		2,993		5,000		0		
CHEW Project		1,000		1,000		1,000		
Indigenous Issues		0		1,500		0		
Right At Home Welcome Kits		1,000		1,000		1,000		

New Initiative TBD	0	1,500	0	
SSUC-SK Outreach	3,750	5,000	5,000	
Emerging Needs (GANG)	0	0	1,000	
ICPM Lunch	497 2022 Actual	500 2022 Budget	459 2021 Actual	Notes
Make Tax Time Pay	0	150	0	
Right at Home Legal Advice	0	2,500	0	
Sub-Total	32,170	40,750	30,643	
M&S	33,000	33,000	33,000	39
TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM	65,170	73,750	64,102	
<i>WIDER CHURCH</i> -Regional Assessment	18,085	18,100	20,302	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	482,719	514,400	469,110	
NET INCOME/DEFICIT	-16,463	-78,900	-22,441	
<p>*The notes contained in the Treasurer's Report form an integral part of this statement.</p>				

SSUC Special Funds - Collections and Disbursements SSUC 2022

<u>Description</u>	<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>Collected Receiptable</u>	<u>Collected Unreceiptable</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>	
SH Proceeds	185,988			50,000	135,988.00	see Note 1
SH Refugee	12,073				12,073.00	
MVU Funds Transferred	94,055		99	471	93,683.00	
Maintenance Reserve Fund	10,986		10,000		20,986.00	
JLF (Just Like Family) Fund	-		50,000		50,000.00	see Note 1
Refugee Fund	520	150	-		670.00	
Garneau Refugee Fund	4,130				4,130.00	
Ananais Sponsorship Fund	40,000				40,000.00	
Yemane Ghebretsadick Fund	-	8,000	9,000		17,000.00	
Siem Ghebretsadick Fund	-	8,000	9,000		17,000.00	
No Room in the Inn	-	3,165	370	3,535	-	
Affirm Activities	979	-			979.00	
Memorial Expenses	42		1,972	1,981	33.00	
Garage Sale	-		15,085	15,085	-	
SW Community Events	321		904	1,225	-	see Note 2
PIE Day	-	476	1,235	1,711	-	
Sister Crew (Right at Home)	50			50	-	
Ever Wonder/CCPC	4,057	-			4,057.00	
50th Anniverary	904	-	-	904		see Note 2
T-Shirts	-	1,651	-	25	-	1,626.00
Backpack Fundraiser	-		995	820	175.00	
CNOY	-	2,105		2,105	-	
Designated CHEW donation	-	100		100	-	
Designated Bissell donation	-	50		50	-	
Camperships (Camp Dragonfly)	-	910	10,799	11,709	-	
Edge Grant 3	95	50	2,750	2,895	-	
Memorial Funds	777	11,600	109	1,624	10,862.00	
M. Thomas Memorial Fund	501	-	-	-	501.00	
Labyrinth	9,765	-	-	6,179	3,586.00	
Bequests	53,201		-	24,000	29,201.00	
Caring Fund	1,762	2,965	-	2,030	2,697.00	
Facility Improvement	2,548		650	220	2,978.00	
TOTALS	\$421,103.00	\$37,571.00	\$112,993.00	\$126,694.00	\$444,973.00	
Note 1: Disbursement to JLF Fund.						
Note 2: Funds shifted from 50th anniversary to SW Community Events						

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 27, 2022

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, March 27, 2022; 12:00pm via Zoom

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Joanne Van Beek
2. Zoom Orientation and Instructions for asking questions, comments, voting - Chris
3. Appointments for this Meeting
Motion: That the following appointments be made for this AGM:
Joanne Van Beek as Chair;
Jennifer Guy as Secretary;
Pat Seale as Parliamentarian;
Clair Woodbury and Joyce Madsen as Guardians
Moved: Joanne Van Beek
Seconded: Berni Hardin Carried
4. Making Use of our Guardians
5. Extension of Voting Privileges
Motion: As members of SSUC, we invite regular adherents and supporters of SSUC to vote at this meeting in all matters being considered, except matters concerning a change in pastoral relations or such financial matters as need regional approval (of which there are none on our agenda).
Moved: Joanne Van Beek
Seconded: Joyce Madsen Carried
6. Approval of Agenda (available at link, screen shared)
Motion: That the agenda as published be approved.
Moved: Joanne Van Beek
Seconded: Berni Hardin Carried
7. Approval of actions of the Board, in place of a 2021 AGM (page 30, Annual Report)
Motion: That the motions and actions of the SSUC Board from their minutes of March 16, 2021 be affirmed as representing the congregation in place of an AGM, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Moved: Joanne Van Beek
Seconded: Janelle Brooks Carried
8. Acceptance of Annual Reports for 20 21 (pages 3-16 only)
Specific Comments/updates from:
 - a. Outreach Chair – Margaret Hetherington
 - b. Housing Project – Maie Kellerman
Motion: That the Annual Reports for 2021 (pages 3-16) be accepted.
Moved: Joanne Van Beek
Seconded: Jo Nicholas Carried
9. Treasurer’s Report for 2021 (page 17, Annual Report) - Kim Boyes
Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report for 2021 be accepted as presented.
Moved: Kim Boyes
Seconded: Trisha Little Carried
10. Appointment of Reviewer of 2021 Financial Statements
Motion: That the Board be authorized to appoint an individual to conduct a review of the 2021 Financial Statements, when available.
Moved: Joanne Van Beek
Seconded: David Mayor Carried
11. Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2022 (page 27 Annual Report) - Bill Hibbard

Motion: That the 2022 Proposed Budget be adopted as presented.

Moved: Bill Hibbard

Seconded: Sandra Lockhart Carried

12. Approval of Proposed 2022-2023 SSUC Board (available at link, screen shared)

Motion: That the proposed board for 2022-2023 be approved.

Moved: Joanne Van Beek

Seconded: Sherry Ann Chapman Carried

13. Motions for Board Empowerment

Motion: That the SSUC Board be empowered to act on behalf of the congregation and appoint members to serve in vacancies that may exist or arise during the year until the next annual general meeting.

Moved: Joanne Van Beek

Seconded: Gerald Coen Carried

14. A Moment of Appreciation – Christopher New

a. Jacob Kellerman (Chair)

b. Jennifer Guy (Secretary)

c. Janelle Brooks (Outgoing Chair of Congregational Care)

d. all supporters and participants

15. Motion for Adjournment at 1:38 PM by Joanne Van Beek

ADDENDUM

TO SSUC’S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, March 5, 2023; 11:45pm in-person and livestreamed

Documents for this meeting can be found at ssucedmonton.com/adminresources2023

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Rebecca Aiken-Bailey
2. Appointments for this Meeting
Motion: That the following appointments be made for this AGM:
Rebecca Aiken-Bailey as Chair;
Meredith Krayenhoff as Secretary;
Pat Seale as Parliamentarian;
Sherry Ann Chapman and Clair Woodbury as Guardians
3. Making Use of our Gaurdians
Chair: As we identify our community as one that values respect, inclusion, compassion and mutuality, our guardians help us to live these values within our meeting. Just as the parliamentarian helps us to navigate the business procedures of meetings, the guardians attend to the group process and help us stay focused on our intention. A guardian can signal a pause at any time. After this pause, the guardian states the reason for the pause, encouraging us to refocus our intention and conversation. Anyone may ask the guardian for a pause at any time.

Guardians: We come to this space with our unique life experiences, cultural values and world views. Although we are different, we seek to create a space where all can feel safe and respected. We commit to being an affirming community that grows in depth of relationship with each other.
All: In this spirit, we will speak and act with respect, patience, open-mindedness, humility, seeing and seeking the best in ourselves and each other.
4. Extension of Voting Privileges
Motion: That in addition to persons of full membership in our congregation, we invite regular adherents, friends and supporters of SSUC to vote at this meeting in all matters being considered, except matters concerning a change in pastoral relations or such financial matters as need regional approval (of which there are none on our agenda).
5. Approval of Agenda
Motion: That the agenda as published be approved.
6. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 27, 2022 (Annual Reports for 2022, page 33)
Motion: That the minutes of the SSUC Annual General Meeting of March 27, 2022 be approved.
7. Acceptance of Annual Reports for 2022 (Annual Reports for 2022, pages 3-22, Addendum p.)
with a presentation by members of the SSUC Board and Emberwood

Motion: That the Annual Reports for 2022 (pages 3-22, Addendum p.) be accepted.
8. Treasurer’s Report for 2022 (page 23, Annual Report) - Kim Boyes
Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report for 2022 be accepted as presented.
9. Appointment of Reviewer of 2022 Financial Statements
Motion: That the Board be authorized to appoint an individual to conduct a review of the 2022 Financial Statements, when available.
10. Presentation of Proposed Budget for 2023 - Bill Hibbard
Motion: That the 2023 Proposed Budget be adopted as presented.

11. Approval of Proposed 2023-2024 SSUC Board
Motion: That the proposed board for 2023-2024 be approved.
12. Motions for Board Empowerment
Motion: That the SSUC Board be empowered to act on behalf of the congregation and appoint members to serve in vacancies that may exist or arise during the year until the next annual general meeting.
13. Members of the SSUC Board of Trustees:
 - a. **Motion: That the resignations of Nancy Steeves and Arvid Hardin from the SSUC Board of Trustees be accepted with our appreciation for their term of service.**
 - b. **Motion: That Pam Boutilier, Art Hildebrand, and Brian Rothwell be appointed to the SSUC Board of Trustees, joining continuing members, Ernie Boruk, Alan Brimacombe, Christopher New and Pat Seale.**
14. A Moment of Appreciation – Christopher New
 - a. Joanne Van Beek (Board Chair)
 - b. Andrew Redeker (Property Maintenance Committee)
 - c. Lynn Wolford (Ministry & Personnel Committee)
 - d. supporters and participants
15. Motion for Adjournment
Motion: That this Annual General Meeting of SSUC be adjourned.

ZOOM REFLECTIONS

Greetings from the Zoom Reflectors who meet online immediately after the livestreamed Sunday Spiritual Gatherings have signed off.

Various efforts to offer a virtual reflection/discussion group opportunity have been trialed since the early days of the global COVID pandemic. Currently we gather through the SSUC Zoom account at 11:15 every Sunday following the completion of the live streaming of the Spiritual Gathering. The link to access the zoom gathering is available through the SSUC email newsletter that comes out on Friday. It is also shared at the in person SSUC Sunday Spiritual Gathering.

Whoever would like to is welcome to join the online reflection group. Participants have come from Edmonton when they are unable to attend SSUC in person for health, weather, or other reasons. Other participants sign in from other locations in Alberta, from Saskatchewan, from British Columbia, from Eastern Canada, and from various locations in the United States. (One of our regular participants signs in faithfully from Los Angeles.) Some participants chose to engage in all discussions. Others chose to listen. It's all good. Should our numbers on any given day seem too large for comfortable discussion we have the ability to change our group size through creating breakout groups.

Our format is roughly as follows:

1. discuss what resonated/challenged/or stood out for us in the gathering
2. consider deeper questions related to the theme
3. draw to a close by sharing prayers of joy and/or concern, or by rehearsing the “strengthening our intentions” words from the gathering

We try to honour our time and sign off after an hour at 1215. There is a regular facilitator for the group who is also assisted by others when needed. This opportunity is available to all every Sunday whenever in person attendance at SSUC doesn't work on a particular day.

peace always,
Nel Ouwens

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Ongoing Members: Berni Hardin, Donna Hodgins, Diana Langley, Lorne Lea,

Ad-Hoc or Special Projects Members: Maureen Andre, Janelle Brooks, Joy Hibbard, Maggie Dawson
Amy Fontaine recently retired from the Committee. We are actively recruiting new members.

Ministry Team: Rev. Nancy Steeves and Rev. Chris New

Office Administrator: Aynsley New

During Covid CCC were limited in what we could do but continued contact with shut ins and then slowly resumed our activities from March 2022. We are deeply appreciative of the support and trust of the ministerial team, and the unyielding help from office administrator Aynsley New.

Newcomers: CC through the Welcome table keeps track of those who have recently started attending services with our congregation. And we would normally invite them once or twice a year to meet with us for lunch. In the past couple of years, Covid has certainly prevented us from holding our important welcoming luncheons. We look forward to resuming this year.

Greeters and Welcome Table: Since we have returned after Covid these positions have been coordinated by the Office Administrator. Visitors are encouraged to check out the Welcome Table where they have the option of signing our Guest Book and opportunity to get information about programming, activities and website access. Thank you to all who

contribute to our welcoming activities and know that YOU too are an invaluable asset each time you reach out to an unfamiliar face sitting next to you. We do receive consistent positive feedback about just how welcoming we are.

Care and Concern Monitoring: in our CC meetings we actively ensure that persons who are ill, housebound, and unable to attend regularly get a phone call to touch base. We thank all of you who assist in maintaining those connections.

Memorial Service Receptions: 12 Memorial receptions were held in 2022 We are grateful to the numerous volunteers who gave of their time and empathy to support grieving family and friends in their time of need.

Visitation: With the support of many in our SSUC community, visitation to those who are housebound or in hospital occur regularly through the year. Together with our ministers, we try to remain aware of such situations needing our attention. If you are interested in visiting, please chat with one of the committee members.

Comfort Food: CC maintains a freezer located in the main kitchen. It houses a variety of soups, casseroles, and baked goods which are distributed by us to those among us who may be ill, providing care giving, or would benefit from temporary food support. We maintain a tracking system of where the food goes, and we ask that donations are logged onto the sheet on the front of the freezer. Our thanks to Maureen Andre for coordinating this service.

Comfort Blankets: We have many talented knitters and crocheters in our midst, who have provided us with lap or bed blankets which we gift to those who are ill in hospital or at home. When we have need we will place a notice in the Morning Messenger. Thank you for your generosity of time and talent. Appreciation goes to Janelle Brooks for coordinating this program.

Cards: Cards are sent to those among us experiencing health issues, are unable to attend regularly, have recently experienced personal loss or on a positive side have a special event to celebrate. In 2022 Donna Hodgins and Joy Hibbard sent out over 150 cards and notes.

Cookies for Shut Ins: Last fall Jo Nicholas suggested that in lieu of the cookie walk we make cookies for shut-ins. She contacted bakers and arranged packing and distribution. Congregational Care suggested recipients. Thank you Jo for all you did.

From Jo--*There were approximately 40 pkgs made up and distributed. With grateful hearts we thank the 18 plus Cookie Walk Bakers that responded instantly and the volunteers who came and boxed up the treats and the team of delivery elves that dropped off the unexpected boxes of love. While this was not a "fund raiser" it was a definite community builder!*

Blue Christmas: This meditative gathering is for those who wish a time of quiet reflection in the busy holiday season. CC is pleased to host the event and to provide décor and refreshment for the social time after the service.

Heartbeats: Thanks to the efforts of Donna Hodgins and office administrator Aynsley New, life events both happy and sad with in our community are tracked and posted in the "Morning Messenger".

Transportation: We are grateful to those who provide rides to church functions for those who require it on occasion. Thank you to Lorne Lea for keeping an eye on this need within our community.

Attitude of Gratitude: We maintain a practice of offering words of deep gratitude and appreciation to those within our community who go above and beyond in terms of leadership or quiet behind the scenes commitment to tasks and projects. This has not been done in the past 3 plus years but will be resumed.

Farewells: When we have someone to say "good- bye" to, we make a point of acknowledging the person and sending them off with our good wishes.

Church Directory and Mailboxes: We are grateful to Aynsley New for ensuring the church directory is current. Consultation with the ministerial team ensures that mailboxes are checked and maintained.

The United Church *Broadview Magazine*: We thank Myrna Sager for ensuring that members of the congregation receive this United Church publication, over the past several years. Arrangements for SSUC members to receive *Broadview* is now being done by Aynsley in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,
Berni Hardin, Chair Congregational Care Committee

MOVING FORWARD TO RECONCILIATION

The Moving Forward to Reconciliation group did not meet in person in 2022 due to our concerns about COVID. However, we did try to keep members aware of some virtual events that were sponsored by various United Church organizations.

We did request that a cheque for \$5,000 be sent to the NiGiNan Housing Ventures which we have supported in the past. NiGiNan Housing Ventures is a registered non-profit charity formed to address particular housing needs and requirements of Indigenous people living in Edmonton. NiGiNan's first development, Ambrose Place, is one of the most successful programs and housing complexes for Edmonton's formerly hardest to house Indigenous persons.

We are looking forward to re-activating the group in 2023.

Submitted by
Pat Seale, Past-Chairperson

rites of passage and statistics 2022

REVISED

This page replaces Annual Reports for 2022, page 11

Lives Celebrated

Raymond Epp
Ross Campbell
Shane MacInnis
Robert Seal
Dorothy Kelker
Dolores Wyatt
Marion Seguin
Paul Wharton
Alfred Craig
Joyce Strome
Janice Krill
Sylvia Thomson
James Lockhart
John Evans
Charles Bidwell
Margaret Foth

Members Removed by Death (5)

Ross Campbell
Dolores Wyatt
James Lockhart
John Evans
Charles Bidwell

Marriages (4)

Steven Wagstaff & Kathleen Mooney
Graham Siddall & Alyssa Thompson
Ross Thompson & Jennifer Chamberlain
Tenkai Luong & Natsumi Oshita

Removed by Transfer (1)

Lawrence McKnight

Baptism (5)

Kaiya Moore
Edison Bilyk
Keenan Martin
Daxton Hudson
Cohen Hudson

Membership Report 2022

Membership: January 1, 2022: 373

During the Year:

- Received by Transfer	0
- Confirmed	0
- Removed by Death	5
- Removed by Transfer	1

Membership: December 31, 2022: 368

EMBERWOOD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This page, along with the Emberwood report in Annual Reports for 2022, page 10 comprises the full Emberwood report for 2022.

Source Income	
UCC New Ministries Grant (Full Year 1 of 3)	\$25,000.00
SSUC Matching Funds (Full Year 1 of 3)	\$24,000.00
Fee for Service Programs (beginning June)	\$5,157.00
Total Income:	\$54,157.00
Outgoing Costs	
Staffing	\$17,346.52
Administration	\$1,194.08
Solo Expenses	\$4,783.24
Additional Program Expenses	\$376.72
Gear	\$607.23
Total Expense:	\$24,307.79

Emberwood mission: People will re-attune to their body’s sensations and authentic selves through solitude with nature.

Zoë Chaytors is a Registered Social Worker who has worked in a variety of community-based programs and capacity building roles. Zoë holds a B.A, a BSW, and is currently completing an Expressive Art Therapy Diploma.

Alison Brooks-Starks is an educator (B. Ed) with 15 years of experience with camps and holds Remote Responder wilderness first aid. Alison has a Certificate of Ecopsychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute and a Certificate of Spiritual Care from the United Church of Canada’s diaconal ministry program.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Nominations Committee has done some productive work through February. In addition to the slate of Board officers below, the committee was able to fill a number of vacancies within committees. In the interest of privacy of personal information, please contact the office for a full roster/contact information of SSUC boards and committees. Many thanks to this year's committee: Rebecca Aiken-Bailey, Berni Hardin, Sandra Lockhart, Christopher New, Joanne Van Beek.

2023-2024 SSUC Board

Position	Name
Chair (E)	Rebecca Aiken
Vice-Chair (E)	<i>vacant</i>
Treasurer (E)	Kim Boyes
Secretary (E)	Meredith Krayenhoff
Finance/Stewardship (E)	Bill Hibbard
Ministry (E)	Christopher New

Congregational Care	Berni Hardin
SSUC-Saskatoon	Trisha Little
Ministry & Personnel	<i>Rotating. Contact Jacob Kellerman/Dale Irving</i>
Outreach	Margaret Hetherington
Property Maintenance	Jo Nicholas Sandra Hildebrand
Trustees	Ernie Boruk
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall
Affirm	Janet Campbell

Staff Team	
Office Administrator	Aynsley New
Ministry Lead	Christopher New
Facility Manager	Bruce McCarron
Media & Communications	<i>vacant</i>
Emberwood	Alison Brooks-Starks Zoe Chaytors
Camp Dragonfly	Briggs Kiana Chouinard
Program Leaders	Ariane Perreault, <u>kidSPIRIT</u> Daisy New, <u>kidSPIRIT</u> Youth - vacant

*(E) denotes member of the Executive Committee of the Board

PROPOSED SSUC 2023 BUDGET

Draft G, Approved Mar 2, 2023 Board Executive

REVENUE		Totals
GIVINGS		
Pledges	209,200	
PAR	125,000	
General	50,000	
Other & N/R	10,000	
Sundry (incl. retirement)	12,000	
	TOTAL GIVINGS	406,200
OTHER REVENUE		
Interest	0	
Fundraising	20,000	
Sundry	0	
Facility Rental	28,000	
	TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	48,000
TOTAL REVENUE		454,200
EXPENSES		
OPERATING EXPENSE		
Furniture & Equipment	2,000	
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	5,300	
Supplies	1,500	
Telephone/Internet	3,300	
Sundry	5,000	
SSUC-SK Admin. Contract	5,000	
SSUC-SK St Andrews Rental	1,800	
Office Expenses Sub-Total		23,900
Bank Charges	1,500	
PayPal Fees	500	
Taxes	0	
Insurance	9,000	
Maintenance	44,000	
Power	12,000	
Water & Sewage	3,500	
Natural Gas	7,000	
Utility Sub-Total		22,500

Board Expense (incl.Retirement)	10,000	
Transition Expense	6,000	
Trustees	300	
Finance Committee	700	
Ministry & Personnel	100	
Archives	100	
Maintenance Reserve	5,000	
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	123,600
PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Minister 1 (Nancy)	20,000	
Minister 2 (Chris)	120,000	
Possible New Staff	70,000	
Administrative Assistant	46,000	
	TOTAL PERSONNEL EXP	256,000
COMMUNITY PROGRAM		
	4,500	
Communications Coordination	14,400	
Congregational Care	500	
Website & Live-streaming	3,500	
Publicity	4,000	
Broadview	2,500	
Earth Charter	150	
Social	100	
TRC Response Group	100	
	TOTAL COMMUNITY PROG	29,750
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM		
Adult/Midweek Programming	100	
Midweek Programming	5,000	
Youth Prog. & Leader Contract	2,000	
Summer Programs	750	
kidSPIRIT all Year	2,000	
Leader Contract	3,000	
Affirm Initiatives	500	
Library	500	
	TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROG	13,850
OUTREACH PROGRAM		
New Initiative TBD	0	
Bissell Centre	6,000	
operation Friendship	6,000	
ICPM Lunch	500	
Campus Food Bank	450	
Edmonton Foodbank	200	
Inner City High School	1,000	

Duggan Elementary	1,000	
Indigenous Initiatives	1,500	
MFTR Committee	500	
Ambrose Place	5,000	
Right at Home Resident Support	1,000	
Families/SW Needs	3,000	
Make Tax Time Pay	150	
Kairos	200	
Camp Dragonfly	5,000	
Community Health Wellness	1,500	
SSUC Saskatoon Outreach	5,000	
RAHH Legal Advice	0	
Total Edm. & Sask. Outreach	38000	
Mission and Service	33000	
	TOTAL OUTREACH PROG	71000
UCC National and Region Assess.	18100	18100
TOTAL EXPENSE		512,300
NET INCOME	NET INCOME	-58,100