

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD MEETING



Date: **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Time: 6:30 pm

### ATTENDEES

Role	Name	Present	Absent
Chair	Maie Kellerman	x	
Vice-Chair	Blair Anderson-Croft	x	
Secretary	Tori Bardell	x	
Treasurer	Kim Boyes	x	
Trustees	Pam Boutilier	x	
Minister	Christopher New	x	
Congregational Care	Maureen Andre	x	
Finance/Stewardship	Jacob Kellerman	x	
Outreach	Marg Hetherington	x	
Property Maintenance	Karen Henderson	x	
SSUC Saskatoon	Trisha Little	x	
Spiritual Gatherings	Marilyn Blackall	x	

### 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 PM

### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Cree Proverb: Only when the last tree has died, we realize we cannot eat money! It's been said in many economies that as we grow, something diminishes. All things come from the land, if not for the land, we don't have a home.

### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Updated agenda distributed prior to meeting – April 15, 2025.

Add: PMT expense for floor waxing – add as point under Reports: #9

#### Motion:

Move to accept agenda as revised – Pam

2<sup>nd</sup>: Maureen

All in favour, none opposed or abstained.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting February 18, 2025

Two things #7 AGM planning

1. Decided the Chair would raise M&S issue.
2. Last paragraph – congregation will not serve a potluck  
Aynsley's name is spelled incorrectly.

Tori will revise.

### **Motion:**

To approve the Minutes as amended from February 2025: Blair

2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen

All in favour, none opposed or abstained.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### 5. VISIONING

Christopher New – there was need to solidify with language about who we are and what we're about. We will have robust conversations after we digest and mull over. Chris will send handouts afterward.

\*Chris shared the attached presentation, and we shared a robust and collaborative conversation.

Does the way we do things serve this?

Decision making can be guided by this vision.

Does this fit with your understanding?

What's confusing?

What's missing?

Do you see yourself in this?

These questions will guide us into what comes next.

Thoughts:

Pam – living document; the tree will grow and change.

Marg – likes that the trunk is expansiveness, it is the heart of who we are saying we are now.

Kim – likes branch of building wisdom and resilience.

Will send out, please review for pondering at a later retreat.

### 6. OUTREACH RESTRUCTURING

Marg Hetherington – over the last few seasons, looking to better support all areas including volunteers ... more connected, supportive. What about education and activism, etc.

How to make a practical difference. Thanked Sheila and Trisha for their work on this.

We should be more like umbrella organization, with task groups.

7 task group suggested. More supportive role, encouraging groups encouraging increased collaboration.

Suggest a process for new initiatives. Move meetings to an evening to encourage greater participation.

Refer to the attached document prepared by Marg.

Issues: What to call the groups – have them come up with a title themselves.

Motions:

1. Marg moves that the Board supports the Outreach Committee's request to bring the Refugee Committee and the Moving Forward toward Reconciliation Committee within the umbrella of the Outreach

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn

All in favour, none opposed or abstained.

2. Marg moves That the Board supports the Outreach Committee in its restructuring with Task Groups, to be named at the discretion of the Outreach Committee, for example:

1. Moving Forward toward Reconciliation

2. Refugee Sponsorship

3. Economic & Social Insecurity (Bissell, Operation Friendship, Campus and Edmonton Food

- Bank, Inner City Pastoral Ministry luncheon, Schools (Inner City High School and Duggan Elementary, Right at Home Housing resident support)

4. Being an Edmonton Food Bank Depot

5. Palestine/Israel Conflict

6. Mission and Service

7. Food Insecurity

2<sup>nd</sup> Blair

All in favour, none opposed or abstained.

## 7. 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

June 8 and Nov 16 – themes and meals and program after luncheons

The committee has done a great job, will share the planning now. Marg invites all of us to find a place to express joy.

- Plant a tree? Bequest fund

- Two special "somethings"

- Social justice fundraiser divided between 2 causes – global, and universal washroom

Yes, this is good with the board.

Edmonton Journal editorial.

St. Stevens college exploring a bunch of stuff, talk with moderator. SSUC is supportive of this.

## **8. INVITATION FROM NORTHERN SPIRIT REGION: INCREASING COLLABORATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**

Reviewed letter, interest in attending? Maie and Jacob raised hands. Marg will think about it. Worthwhile to listen.

June 14<sup>th</sup> further information required.

Do we extend, or just board? At least two, less than 5 will attend.

Chris feels he should be there as well.

Maie will respond.

## **B. MURAL: CENTRE FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Looking for a place, there are only a couple of spaces available here at SSUC. We have agreed.

Motion to approve: Jacob

2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen

All in favour

Forward details to PMT for installation.

Chris will respond.

## **9. REPORTS**

Finance Update: It's not as bad as it looks. Budgeted for deficit of 15K, actual 17K.

Facility rentals picked up nicely.

M&S will report now on a quarterly basis. The revenue side collected 7 bucks more in this quarter.

SSUC Saskatoon:

See report. Excited about GLI stuff. Put together a brochure referencing Guaranteed living income – will scan and send.

PMT report:

\* Bruce departed and took floor waxing equipment, that belongs to him, with him.

Karen will get quotes to strip and wax the floors– have 1 quote - \$1500 for whole main floor, want another, to be done in the summer. Benches need to be refinished, negligible cost.

## **10. DRAFT INVESTMENT POLICY**

Pam – sent a draft. Rather than discussing it now, please consider for the next meeting. Take time to read, send comments.

## **11. VACANT BOARD POSITIONS**

Secretary – Tori's last day today.

M&P Chair – Esther has resigned.

Also looking for Treasurer, Blair will get some names – Chris has some thoughts.

**12. DATES FOR 2025 RETREAT**

Will schedule a couple more retreats. Maie will send a doodle poll.

**13. SCHEDULE FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BOARD**

Should Maie create a schedule? Jacob suggested to copy and paste from last year; he will assist.

**14. NEXT BOARD MEETING**

May 20, 2025

**15. ADJOURNMENT - 8:21PM**



## SSUC: Spiritual Seekers United in Community

### WHERE ARE WE NOW?



#### **THE CHALLENGES:**

- a) Western society's skepticism, rejection of traditional religious model/beliefs, and decline of institutional religion
- b) An aging SSUC donor base, with newer/younger folks gradually taking more ownership
- c) decline of democratic institutions, severe economic uncertainties and authoritarianism.
- d) increasing level of fragility, anxiety, and loneliness, exclusion in the general population due to pandemics, inflation, overuse of technology, unresolved trauma, etc.

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## SSUC: Spiritual Seekers United in Community



### WHAT DO WE BRING TO THESE CHALLENGES?

**WE BRING WHO WE ARE!**

**(and we get help from a tree!)**

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## We are Rooted Firmly & Reaching Expansively



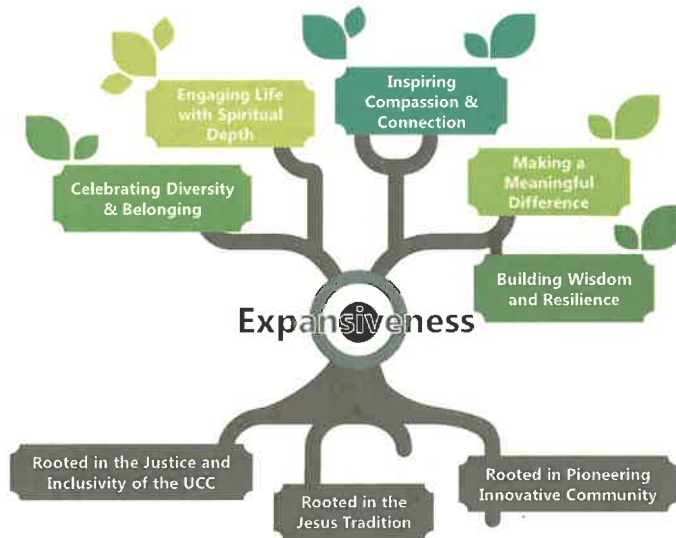
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## Rooted Firmly



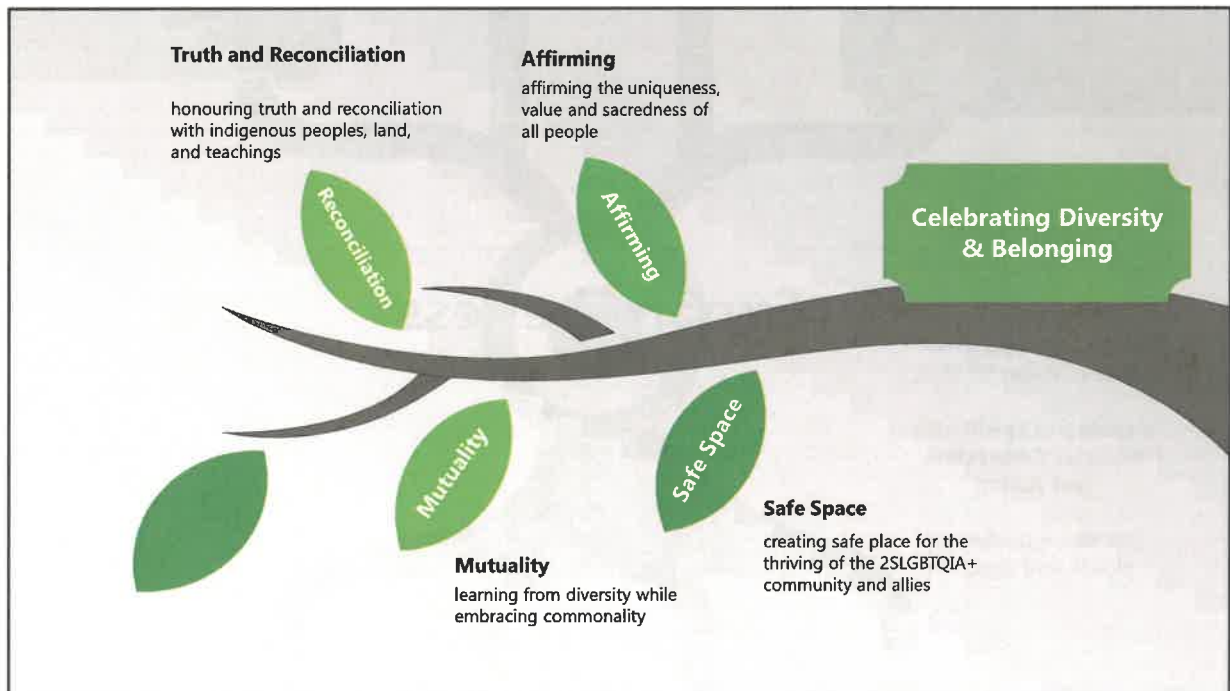
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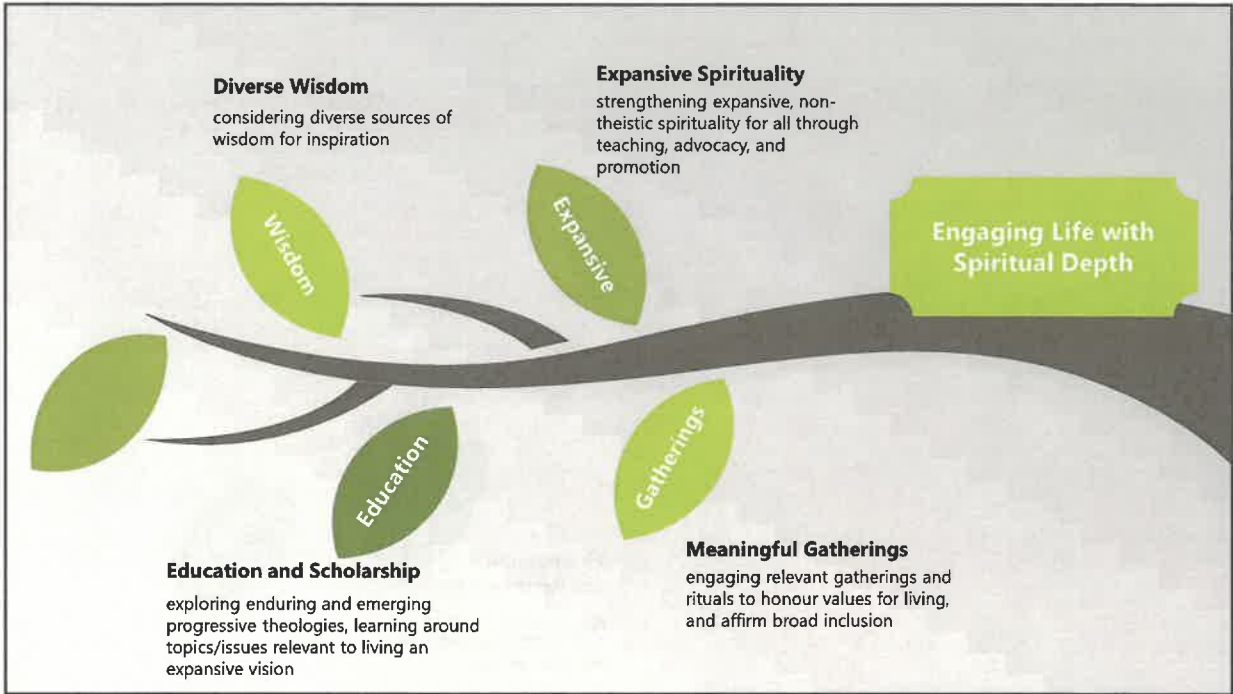
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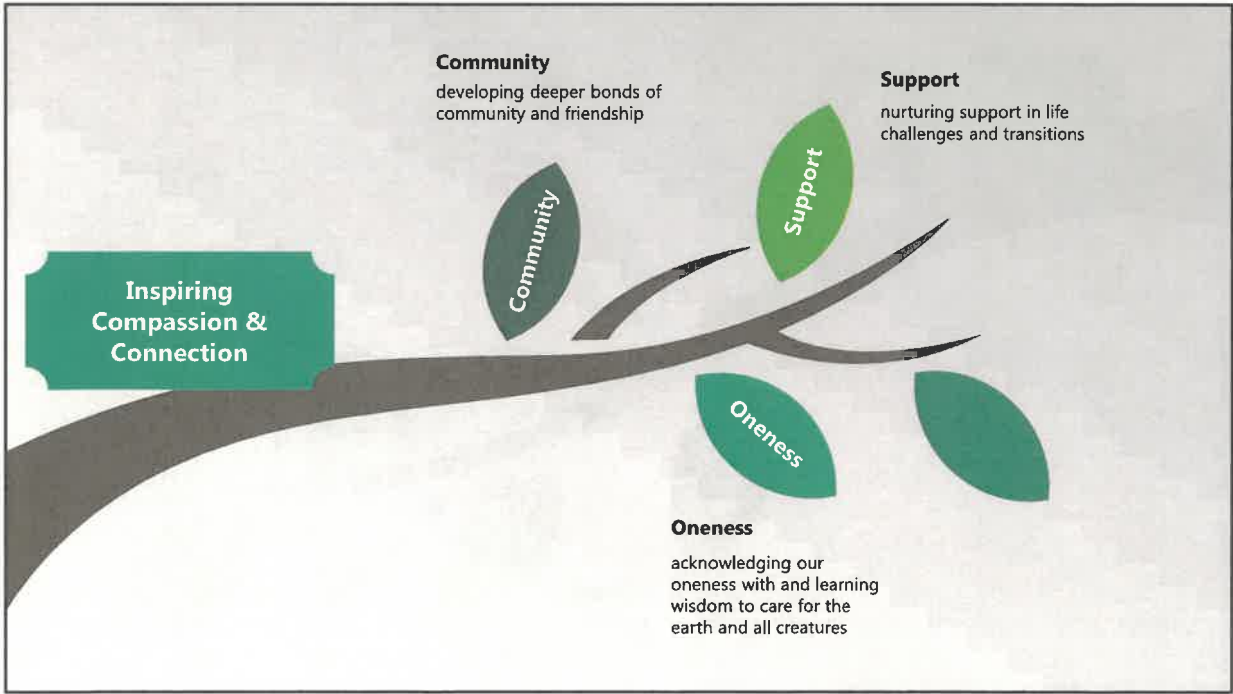
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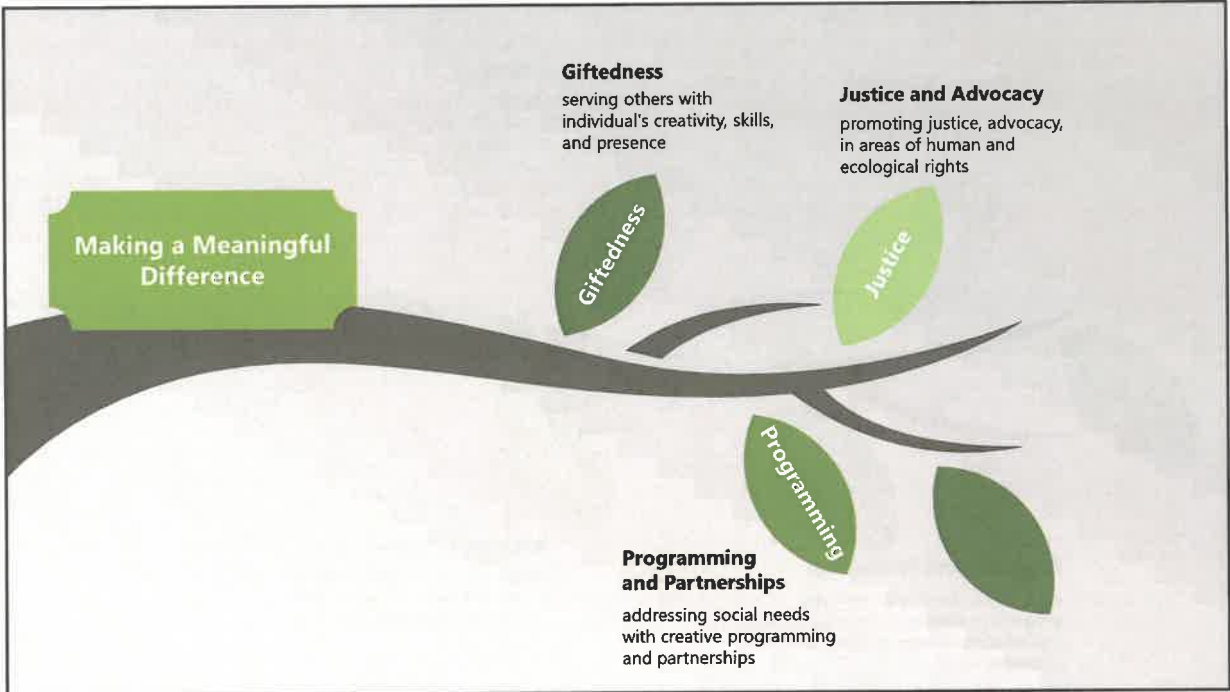
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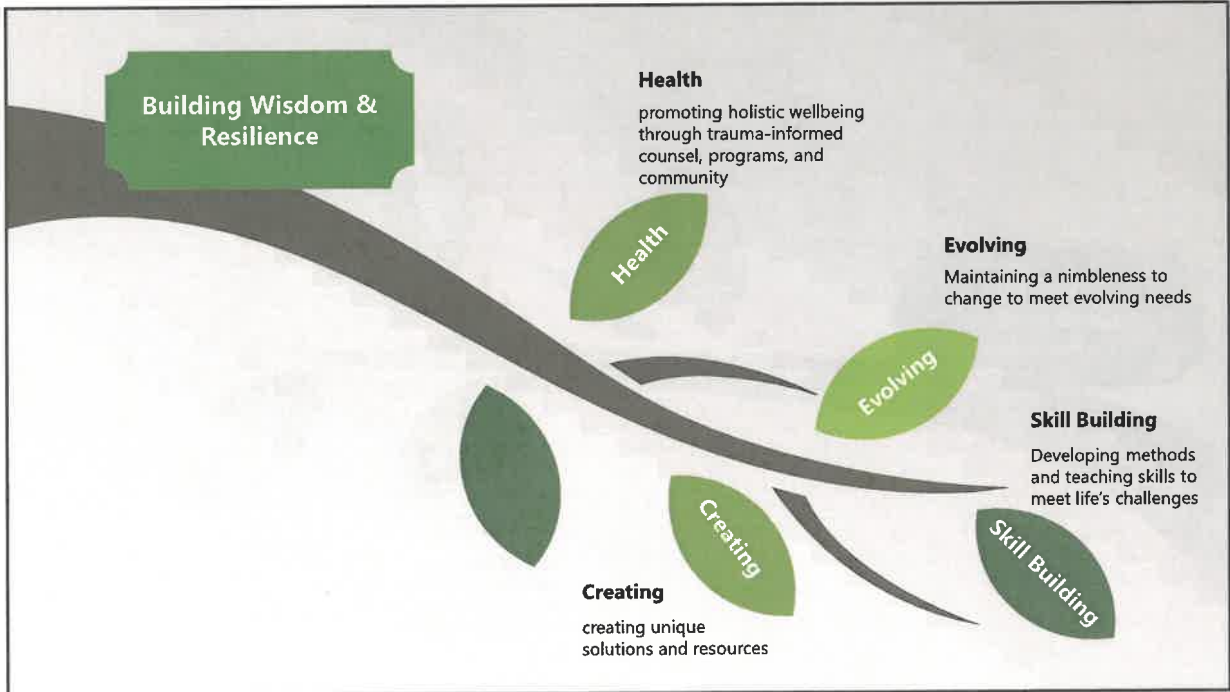
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# So What?

- **We will better be able to understand and articulate who we are and what we're about**
- **Future decisions are made easier in terms of whether they fit this vision and mission**
- **Conversations about how we structure or organize ourselves for our work will be guided by this vision and mission**

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## Questions to Ponder:

- **Does this vision and mission fit with your understanding of SSUC?**
- **Where do I see myself?**
- **What's confusing?**
- **What's missing?**

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## **SSUC Saskatoon March - April, 2025 Report**

### **1. SSUC SK Gatherings:**

- a) **In-person bookings:** St Andrew's in-person gatherings took place on March 16 and April 13. Members present on April 13 signed a petition supporting the CBC, and received other literature asking us to vote for a party that does not intend to defund the CBC. Trisha reminded the group to mark their calendars for the next Together, Not Alone retreat Oct 3-5, 2025
- b) **Unitarian/SSUC Conversations:** SSUC SK members met with Saskatoon Unitarians and felt very good about the discussion. We were made aware of the programs they offer (including an invitation to meet twice a month to sing with their choir); the leadership format they have for the coming year without a paid minister which includes intriguing topics, opportunities for sharing and creative ways to fulfill the pastoral care needs of the community; their desire to continue with their commitment toward social justice and how we might work together; and possible collaboration with book studies, GLI and more. There was a promise to meet again for future planning.
- c) **Guaranteed Livable Income Working Group:** We met on March 25 with wonderful news about connections made with MCC, Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Partnership (SPRP), Saskatoon Unitarians and how best to approach federal candidates with the data/concept of GLI. We will be developing an advocacy plan in the next meeting (April 21) which will include inviting fellow GLI advocates across Saskatchewan to be part of a provincial network, approaching official opposition Sask MLAs, and working closely with SPRP, MCC and Unitarians. We edited the brochure that was developed and printed 50 copies for distribution. We had to edit the introductory email to align it with the brochure. More literature about the logistics of bringing in GLI and a presentation will be developed at some point. The Unitarians have invited us to lead a service and/or a public presentation in their meeting space.
- d) Trisha is looking into a newer computer for SSUC Saskatoon as the present computer (10 years old) is showing definite signs of deterioration. A cost analysis and negotiations for purchase are underway.

### **2. ICM/Outreach:**

- a) **Chop 'n Chat:** We continue to volunteer for the monthly lunch until the end of June.

### **3. SSUC Edmonton news:**

- a) **SSUC Board:** Conversations centre around recognition of the UCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through Gatherings, special projects and personal stories, Outreach restructuring, visioning, and more
- b) **UCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition:** Ongoing anecdotal stories are being presented twice a month. Dawn and Trisha from Saskatoon have recorded messages that will be offered at some point in the year. More details were announced on April 13 by Marg Hetherington. There is a [100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary webpage](#) on our website that outlines some of our history and will be updated as time goes on.

### **4. Affirming news:**

- a) **PIE Day:** Trisha has looked into possibly renting space at Frances Morrison Library (across the street from the Civic Square) for next year rather than being out in the cold.

- b) On Feb 16 Trisha brought a petition** asking to repeal the educational Bills passed in September 2023 related to trans children.
- c) Pride week:** Trisha will attend a SAM meeting April 30 to discuss Pride events. There will probably be a Pride Family Picnic on Saturday, June 14, then Pride week (June 15-22) and the Pride Parade on Sunday June 22. Trisha will inform our members of participation and/or needs for these events through email and the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted April, 2025 by:  
Trisha Little  
SSUC SK Administrative personnel

# Southminster Steinhauer United Church 2021

## Balance Sheet As at 2025-03-31

### ASSET

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Servus Chequing Account	228,462.92	
Servus GIC 1	138,798.00	
Servus GIC 2	89,377.50	
JLF Invested	50,000.00	
MVU Funds Invested	100,000.00	
Servus Savings Account	6,123.26	
Grocery Cards on Hand	32,193.50	
Petty Cash	400.00	
Total Cash		645,355.18
GST Reimbursable		2,025.38
Prepaid Regional Assessment		15,062.94
Membership in Servus		7,549.17
Patronage Rewards Payment		9.06
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>670,001.73</b>

#### FIXED ASSETS

Investment in Land		288,588.53
Investment in Building		1,879,357.11
Investment in Furnishings		44,330.13
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>2,212,275.77</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>		<b>2,882,277.50</b>
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### LIABILITY

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		0.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>0.00</b>

#### SPECIAL FUNDS

Special Causes Fund/SH Proceeds		135,987.74
SH Invested Interest Earned	19,894.09	
SH Funded Projects Sub-Total		19,894.09
MVU Funds Transferred		81,734.43
Maintenance Reserve Fund		21,986.50
Refugee Fund		10,665.86
Ananais Sponsorship Fund		17,918.43
Yemane Ghebretsadik Sponsorship		9,557.01

Siern Ghebretsadik Sponsorship	11,907.01
Christmas Eve Fund	75.00
Special Events	1,639.73
Evergreens GSA	4,057.47
Camp Dragonfly	26,683.44
Emberwood	43,063.91
Memorial Funds	25,606.55
M. Thomas Memorial Fund	500.87
Labyrinth Fund	35.00
Bequests	61,379.00
Caring Fund	3,258.43
Facility Improvement Fund	3,907.14
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<u>479,857.61</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<u>479,857.61</u>

**EQUITY**

**EQUITY AND SURPLUS**

Equity in Land	288,588.53	
Equity in Building	1,883,559.28	
Equity in Furnishings	<u>44,330.13</u>	
Total Equity in Fixed Assets		2,216,477.94
Equity in Membership		7,549.17
Equity in Patronage Payment		134.13
Equity in SH Invested Interest Earn		85,000.00
Previous Year Surplus/Deficit		110,587.93
Current Earnings		<u>-17,329.28</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND SURPLUS</b>		<u>2,402,419.89</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>2,402,419.89</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<u>2,882,277.50</u>

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## Southminster Steinhauer United Church 2021 Income Statement 2025-01-01 to 2025-03-31

### REVENUE

#### GIVINGS

Local		81,618.00
Loose		536.25
M & S		8,256.00
Sundry		0.00
Non-Receiptable - Other Sources		5,539.31
<b>TOTAL GIVINGS</b>		<b>95,949.56</b>

#### OTHER REVENUE

Fundraising		977.00
Sundry		15.00
Facility Rental		6,603.13
Grants		0.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>		<b>7,595.13</b>

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>103,544.69</b>
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### EXPENSE

#### OPERATING EXPENSE

Furniture & Equipment	462.06	
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	595.68	
Supplies	972.89	
Telephone	873.03	
Sundry	2,025.65	
SSUC-SK Admin./Rent	1,410.00	
Office Expenses Sub-Total		6,339.31
Bank Charges		237.33
PayPal Fees		24.08
Insurance		2,822.73
Maintenance		17,189.21
Maintenance Reserve Funding		0.00
Power	3,831.01	
Water & Sewage	1,865.48	
Natural Gas	2,986.94	
Utility Sub-Total		8,683.43
Board Expense		0.00
Trustees		0.00
Finance Committee		0.00

Ministry & Personnel	0.00
Archives	0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<u>35,296.09</u>

**PERSONNEL EXPENSES**

Minister	32,587.53
Administrative Assistant	12,247.02
Program & Affirming Animator	11,511.05
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE</b>	<u>56,345.60</u>

**COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

Spiritual Gatherings	1,505.71
Communications Coordinator	4,250.01
Congregational Care	337.64
Website	206.59
Publicity	212.56
Broadview	2,250.00
Earth Charter	0.00
Social	0.00
Library	0.00
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM</b>	<u>8,762.51</u>

**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Adult Programming	0.00
Midweek Programming	800.00
Youth Programming	2,328.31
Summer Programs	0.00
kidSPIRIT	1,724.40
Congregational Development Sub-Tota	<u>4,852.71</u>
Affirm Initiatives	220.00
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM</b>	<u>5,072.71</u>

**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Bissell Centre	1,000.00
Families/SW Community Needs	0.00
Operation Friendship	1,000.00
Inner City High/Duggan Elem.	0.00
Social Justice/Kairos	200.00
Food Assistance	0.00
Affordable Housing/Ambrose Place	0.00
Camp Dragonfly	0.00
Emerging Issues	0.00
Emberwood	1,250.00
SSUC Sask Outreach	0.00
Project Sub-Total	<u>3,450.00</u>

ICPM Lunch	0.00
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM</b>	<u>3,450.00</u>
<b>WIDER CHURCH</b>	
Presbytery / Conference	5,231.06
Mission & Service Expense	6,716.00
<b>TOTAL WIDER CHURCH</b>	<u>11,947.06</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>120,873.97</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u><u>-17,329.28</u></u>

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