

**St. Andrew's Council – Monthly Update - From Mar. 26, 2019 Council Meeting
John Palmer – Council Chair**

Hello All,

This is our first St. Andrew's Council monthly update

Our council meetings are held the evening of the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Centre and council would like to share with you our key discussions and decisions.

Our current council is

John Palmer	Chair
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Barb Reid	Secretary
Karen Decoux	Past Chair, Integrated Worship, Affirming Network
Heather Campbell	Treasurer, Children & Youth
Richard Betts	Trustees Chair, Communications, Facilities, Chinook Winds Rep
Merle Ann May	Regional Ministries Chair, Chinook Winds Rep
Donna Betts	Ministry and Personnel Chair
Mike Sword	Member at Large, Chinook Winds Rep
Marion Wolff	Church in Community Chair
George Steber	Member at Large
Hillary MacDonald	Coordinating Team Minister

Here is a summary of some of the key points from our March meeting.

Devotion

We start each of our meetings with a devotion. Heather Campbell led a devotion focusing on New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Arden's leadership in responding to the mosque shootings and her focus on compassion and action rather than succumbing to just anger and fear.

Children, Church and Everyone

We also talked about the challenges of being inclusive of everyone in our Sunday gatherings including children of all needs and their parents. They are a key part of the future of our communities of faith.

St. Andrew's Regional Ministries

A motion was passed to officially recognize that all programs approved by the Regional Ministries Management Committee as **Designated Ministries of St. Andrew's** including but not limited to the various Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Camp Caravan, and Calgary Queer Church (CQC). This is to help ensure that we have appropriate insurance coverage for these vital programs.

A second motion was passed to approve the **Updated Terms of Reference for the Regional Ministries**. It has been over 5 years since St. Andrew's Regional Ministries were established and The Terms of Reference needed to be updated for several reasons:

- 1) Include the updated St. Andrew's Regional Ministries Vision and Mission statements
 - 2) Better describe how our programs are being managed and to allow more flexibility to adapt to future changes
 - 3) Revise the sections that referred to Calgary Presbytery to describe our relationship with the new Chinook Winds Region that replaced Calgary Presbytery and Alberta & North West Conference
 - 4) Be consistent with the recently issued 2019 version of the United Church Manual
- A copy of the updated Terms of Reference will be posted on the Web Site.

Camp Caravan, one of our St. Andrew's Regional Ministries initiatives, is fully booked for all 8 weeks this summer at various church locations.

Financial Update

As of the 8-month period ending February 28 (our congregational budget year runs from July 1 to June 20) our budget year to date deficit is **-\$19,801.00**. While this is a bit less than budgeted we are still needing to use our to withdraw from our investments with the United Church Foundation from time to time to cover our costs. The Balance of our investment account is approximately \$210,000.00.

Chinook Winds Regional Gathering

Our 3 Regional reps, Mike Sword, Richard Betts & Merle Ann May along with Hillary MacDonald & Brenda McKellar will be attending the first Chinook Winds Regional Gathering on June 7&8. St. Andrew's Regional Ministries will also be putting up a display station on our various programs.

Rod Sykes Designated as Honourary Associate

A motion was passed designating Rod Sykes as an "Honourary Associate". This will allow Rod to officiate at his son's wedding sometime during the next year.

Please let us know if this monthly up date is useful to you and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other council members.

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