

East Central Ontario Regional Council
Meeting of the Assembly of Elders
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Vision of the Assembly of Elders by which we evaluate progress based on:

Strengthened by God's grace and refreshed by the Spirit,
We follow the way of Jesus in healing our world.

IN ATTENDANCE

Rev. Wanda Stride	Member, Speaker, Leading Commissioner, 44 th General Council Commissioner
Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick	Member
Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly	Member, Executive Minister
Brian James	Member, Financial Administration
Patricia Long	Member
Ted Meyers	Member
Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander	Member (Youth)
Joyce Payne	Member
Rev. Paul Reed	Member
William (Bill) Sheaves	Member
Rev. Edward (Ned) Wells	Member
Rev. Lynn Watson	Member
Sharon Hull	Corresponding Member - Minister for Spiritual Nurture, Respectful Relationship and Justice for all Ages
Rev. Darren Liepold	Corresponding Member, Pastoral Relations Minister
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary
Karen Wilson	Corresponding Member - Communications and Administration Assistant

REGRETS/ABSENT

Stephen Coles	Member
Margaret Curtis	Member
Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley	Corresponding Member - Minister for Respectful Relationship and Indigenous Justice

* This meeting received updates from the Facilitation Forum; received updates from Communications, in regards to a 2023 Media Coverage Report, and a Strategic Communications Plan 2024; received updates in regards to the Strategic Plan and the activity streams benchmarks for February; received updates in regards to updating the Governance Handbook; received the minutes of the Covenant Support Team minutes for meeting held on February 20, 2024, and received recommendations from the Covenant Support Team, in regards to appointments and calls, retirement, appointing a commission, sabbatical, and pastoral charge supervision; received recommendations from the Mission Through Property Team, in regards to Ingoldsby United Church Offer to Purchase, Highland Hills United Church manse Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of a Regional Council & Purchase Agreement, and Mark St United Church Peterborough Exchange Agreement Amendment; received updates in regards to pastoral charges who have not yet voted on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization; received information regarding General Council 45 in regards to nominating commissioners and forwarding proposal; considered a vacancy on the Facilitation Forum; considered and invitation by the Toronto United Church Cooperation (TUCC); received a request for prayers for pilgrims

heading to El Salvador; received for information the resignation of a General Council 44 commissioner and its impact on the Assembly of Elders; received for information news of a proposal for funding of a sacred film festival that will be submitted in time for the next meeting: and held a portion of this meeting in camera.

Call to Order – Rev. Wanda Stride, Speaker, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Devotions – Joyce Payne led the land acknowledgment, recognizing that members gather on the unceded territory of First Nations Peoples, and gave thanks for the stewardship of these lands, calling all to work towards right relations and truth and reconciliation. Following this, Joyce reminded us that Pi Sunday (in honor of National Affirming Day on March 14) and explained the significance of this Sunday. Joyce shared some a story for how such a Sunday during the year creates a space for safeness, inclusion, and love for all of God's children. Joyce closed this time with prayer.

Circle Time of Sharing – All were invited to contemplate times in the future when they may experience personal challenges.

Appointment of an Equity Monitor for this Meeting

2024-03-05-001 MOTION (J. Payne/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders appoint Rev. Lynn Watson as Equity Monitor for this meeting. **CARRIED**

*It was reminded that the equity score card can be used following this meeting, and submitted to the Equity Leadership Team.

Minutes of February 6, 2024

2024-03-05-002 MOTION (T. Meyers/P. Long) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders approves the Minutes of February 6, 2024 as circulated. **CARRIED**

Email Poll of February 16, 2024

2024-03-05-003 MOTION (T. Meyers/K. Ostrander) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders receive into its minutes the email poll of February 16, 2024:

Four Winds Presbytery Development Corporation

2024-02-16-001 MOTION (T. Meyers/K. Ostrander) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council, the successor organization to Bay of Quinte Conference of The United Church of Canada, concur with the recommendation of the Mission Through Property Leadership Team and consents to the dissolution of Four Winds Presbytery Development Corporation as per the Bylaws of Four Winds Presbytery Development Corporation. CARRIED

CARRIED

Business Arising - none

Agenda

2024-03-05-004 MOTION (N. Wells/W. Sheaves) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders accept the agenda as amended: addition of *in camera* H&R question. **CARRIED**

Incoming Correspondence

- a) January 30, 2024, John Paul Newman, Deputy Clerk, The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington, re approved heritage permit application (*for information*);
- b) February 8, 2024, Rev. John Young, re Belleville state of emergency - overdose (*for information*);

- c) February 8, 2024, Rev. Steve Spicer, re Belleville state of emergency-overdose (*for information*);
- d) February 9, 2024, Peter Hazlett, Chair, Church Council, St. Mark's United Church (Whitby), re supporting renewal of LLWL license (*for information*);
- e) February 14, 2024, The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, The United Church of Canada, re request or concerns for General Council Executive to recognize (*for information*);
- f) February 21, 2024, Rev. Cheryl McMurray, St. Paul's United Church, Stirling, re resignation from the Licensed Lay Worship Leader's Forum, effective June 30, 2024 (*for information*);
- g) February 22, 2024, copied on a letter from Rev. Adam Hanley, Program Coordinator, Ministry Personnel Vitality, Theology and Ministry Leadership Unit, re granting testamur for ordination to Brian Joseph Nicholson (*for information*);
- h) February 26, 2024, Ron Ewart, Executive Director, Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) re Invitation to TUCC Annual Meeting June 6, 2024 (*for information*);
- i) February 26, 2024, copied on a letter from Rev. Dr. Jennifer Janzen-Ball Executive Minister, Theology and Ministry Leadership, to Diane Everitt, Alison Miculan, Amadeus Pyralis, re response letter from GCE regarding DLM status (*for information*);
- j) February 26, 2024, Rev. Phil Wilson, re resignation from the Facilitation leadership team and Equity Forum, effective immediately (*for information*);

Outgoing Correspondence

- a) February 8, 2024, Ted Meyers, Chair, Mission Through Property, to Gwen, re Ingoldsby United Church and Haliburton United Church Amalgamation (*for information*);
- b) February 8, 2024, Rev. Eric, Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, to Rev. John Young, re Belleville state of emergency - overdose (*for information*);
- c) February 9, 2024, Rev. Eric, Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, to Tom Smart, ECORC delegate, and GC44 Commissioner, re response to ECORC decision on network (*for information*);
- d) February 11, 2024, Ted Meyers, Chair, Mission Through Property, to Elizabeth Cunningham and Mike Bishop, re Sandford Zephyr United Churches Amalgamation (*for information*);
- e) February 11, 2024, Ted Meyers, Chair, Mission Through Property, to Adele Boy, re St. Andrews United Church Beaverton Closing (*for information*);
- f) February 11, 2024, Ted Meyers, Chair, Mission Through Property, to Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick, re Revised Lease between Northminster UC Peterborough and Trent Child Care (*for information*);
- g) February 14, 2024, Rev. Wanda Stride, Speaker, Assembly of Elders, to The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, The United Church of Canada, re request for prayers for state of emergency in Belleville – overdose (*for information*);
- h) February 15, 2024, Rev. Wanda Stride, Speaker, Assembly of Elders, to ECORC Networks, re decision re networks presence on regional council website (*for information*);
- i) February 26, 2024, Rev. Eric, Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, to Rev. Phil Wilson, re responding to letter of resignation from the Facilitation leadership team and Equity Forum, effective immediately (*for information*).

Business arising grouped according to confirmed Guiding Principles

I. All Communities of Faith participate in ECORC meetings and initiatives

Facilitation Forum update – Rev. Paul Reed acknowledged the leadership provided by Rev. Phil Wilson (Phil has resigned as Chair). The site visit was had at Cambridge Street and details were worked out for the meeting in May. A local caterer will provide two lunches (maybe Friday dinner). Dishes and cleanup may be arranged through the church. It was suggested to move the reception, after the Celebration of Ministry service, to a local pub. The agenda is being drafted and there are request for time

to make presentations (1. Kindred Works, 2. Roger Janes – Stewardship, 3. Rev. Tori Mullin, Growth Animator). Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley has invited the Chief of Curve Lake welcome members to the land and Dorothy Taylor would provide a teaching moment. Paul invited further request for agenda time by Leadership Team. General Council 45 Commissioners to be nominated at this meeting. A book table will be made available. There is potential for preferential booking with Days Inn, to be confirmed.

2024-03-05-005 MOTION (P. Reed/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders receive for information the oral report of the Facilitation Forum. **CARRIED**

a) **Dates of future meetings (for information):**

- April 19th - 20th, 2024 Annual Meeting, Spring, Lindsay, ON
- November 16th, 2024 Fall Meeting, Brighton, ON
- May 23rd - 24th, 2025 Annual Meeting, Spring, St. Paul's United Church, Bowmanville, ON
- October 25th, 2025 Fall Meeting, Location TBD

II. Clergy, lay leaders and communities of faith express satisfaction with the support, development opportunities and communication they receive

a) **Communications** – Karen Wilson

- See *2023 Media Coverage Report* as **Appendix A¹** – Karen Wilson explained the report was circulated as correspondence for information.
- See *Strategic Communications Plan 2024* as **Appendix A²** – Rev. Wanda Stride shared how the desire for a strategic communication plan came about (The FNJ Team Letter was regarding the Provincial Government's use of the notwithstanding clause), and emphasized that a strategy is important, in particular, so that responses to events can be created in a timely manner, and how to create a process for creating appropriate, unified responses. Members expressed their views in response to the document (*Strategic Communications Plan 2024*) – expressed approval of what was reported. It was highlighted that the media cycles afford very small windows for expression and response and therefore, to be prepared to respond is a good strategy. The challenge for finding specialized folk is real and there is discernment that needs to be had to determine potential good members for an editorial team. It was highlighted that a strategy could also include a proactive/promotion reflection and not only reactive.

It is the hope that a proposal for a strategic communication plan could go brought to the April Assembly of Elders, and then to the spring general meeting.

III. Those involved in any way with ECORC demonstrate awareness of our Vision and Mission statements, and express a feeling of connection to and commitment to the work of ECORC

- a) **Strategic Plan Updates** – Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly highlighted in the report the benchmarks for February
- *Goalpost Report to ECORC* as **Appendix B**

IV. People in all roles and capacities within ECORC are aware of Council decisions and policies, and know where to find the information they need

- i) **Governance Handbook Update** – Rev. Paul Reed provided an oral report highlighting developments that have taken place in the work of updating the Governance Handbook. It was

shared that participants need to respond more quickly if the work is to be completed and presented to at the Spring General Meeting. Highlights of the challenges included, leadership succession, and membership on Leadership Teams. It is possible that new policies may be created as there is observance that some rules are lacking. It was reiterated that problems need to be well articulated and understood if and where changes are deemed necessary.

Break (2:30 PM) – a 4 mins break was had by all.

ii) Covenant Support Team (CST) –

- see *CST minutes of February 20, 2024* as **Appendix C**

a) Recommendations

a. Appointments and Calls

2024-03-05-006 MOTION (W. Sheaves/T. Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of Covenant Support Team that, after confirming eligibility on ChurchHub, Rev. Norm Long be appointed as retired supply to the Eastminster Belleville Community of Faith with the following terms; 50% time January 9, 2024-August 31, 2024, with all items according to the UCC Manual. **CARRIED**

2024-03-05-007 MOTION (W. Sheaves/K. Fitzpatrick) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of Covenant Support Team that, after confirming eligibility on ChurchHub, that Rev. Karen Smart be called to the Kingsview United Church community of Faith (Oshawa) as the Pastoral Care minister ¼ time, effective April 15, 2024. **CARRIED**

b. Retirement

2024-03-05-008 MOTION (W. Sheaves/L. Watson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of Covenant Support Team to recognize the retirement of the Rev. Elaine Kellogg, Grace, United Church, Napanee, effective June 30, 2024. **CARRIED**

c. Governance

2024-03-05-009 MOTION (W. Sheaves/K. Ostrander) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders, due to the ongoing crisis at Hampton United Church, concur with the recommendation of Covenant Support Team to appoint a commission to take over the governance and trustees of Hampton United Church, to find a workable governance structure. The commission will consist of: Steve Coles, Patti James, Tom Smart and Lynn Watson. **CARRIED (N. Wells abstains)**

Background information was provided explaining what led to this recommendation. A letter communicating this decision will be sent to the trustees directly.

d. Sabbatical

2024-03-05-010 MOTION (W. Sheaves/N. Wells) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of Covenant Support Team to approve the sabbatical of Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley from the Buckhorn Pastoral Charge, effective July 1 to August 11, 2024 and June 30 to August 10, 2025. **CARRIED (B. James abstains)**

e. **Pastoral Charge Supervisor**

2024-03-05-011 MOTION (W. Sheaves/L. Waston) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of Covenant Support Team to appoint Anne Meredith as pastoral charge supervisor to Centennial-Albert Pastoral Charge, after being relieved as pastoral charge supervisor at Greenbank. **CARRIED**

V. *The number of church buildings in our Regional Council that are accessible is increasing. There is faithful stewardship of property and finances*

1. **Mission Through Property – Ted Meyers**

a) **Ingoldsby United Church Offer to Purchase**

2024-03-05-012 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of the Mission Through Property Team to approve Offer to Purchase agreement between Ingoldsby United Church and Zoe Cameron and Usman Sheikh for the Ingoldsby United Church at 1741 Ingoldsby Road, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0, part of Lot 19, Second concession in the Township of Minden, County of Haliburton, Ontario for a purchase price of \$330,000 with a \$20,000 deposit, and no conditions with a closing date of April 9th 2024 pending approval by ECORC by end of day Wednesday, March 6th 2024. **CARRIED**

b) **Highland Hills United Church Manse Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of a Regional Council & Purchase Agreement**

- see *Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of a Regional Council* as **Appendix D¹**
- see *Agreement of Purchase and Sale* as **Appendix D²**

1. **2024-03-05-013 MOTION** (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of the Mission Through Property Team to approve the request by the Highland Hills United Church to sell the manse to Rev Max Ward and Amanda Austin being the real property with the legal description of which is Lot 52 Plan 172 Anson except the westerly 8 feet, Minden Hills, Haliburton County and the municipal address of which is 6 Winchester Street for a selling price of \$375,000, And that 100% of the net proceeds from the sale be Invested by Highland Hills United Church in an investment to be agreed to by the Mission Through Property Team with the investment income to be used by Highland Hills United Church as per the current Manse policy guidelines. **CARRIED**

2. **2024-03-05-014 MOTION** (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of the Mission Through Property Team to approve Offer to Purchase agreement between Highland Hills United Church and Rev Max Ward and Amanda Austin being for the real property with the legal description of which is Lot 52 Plan 172 Anson except the westerly 8 feet, Minden Hills, Haliburton County and the municipal address of which is 6 Winchester Street for a purchase price of \$375,000 with a closing date of April 4th 2024 pending approval by ECORC. **CARRIED**

c) **Mark St United Church Peterborough Exchange Agreement Amendment**

- See *Exchange Agreement Amendment highlights* as **Appendix E¹**
- See *Exchange Agreement Amendment with the Developer TVM* as **Appendix E²**

2024-03-05-015 CONSENSUS MOTION That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders postpone indefinitely the following motion:

2024-03-05-000 MOTION (T. Meyers/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders concur with the recommendation of the Mission Through Property Team to approve the Exchange Agreement Amendment between Marck Street United Church with the Developer TVM, s subject to a satisfactory review of Kindred Work's lawyers.

CARRIED

- VI.** *ECORC events take place in a variety of geographic locations within our Region throughout the year*
- VII.** *We hold events every year related to outreach and social justice within our Regional Council*
- VIII.** *We observe increasing use of land acknowledgments and more participation in learning opportunities related to Respectful Relations and Indigenous Justice*
- a) **Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization – (Vote update)** - Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly; RC is currently at 62%, next report will be available on March 11th.
- See 2024-02-26 Spreadsheet ECORC List- Pastoral Charges Not Yet Voted on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization as **Appendix F**
- A reminder notice will go out in the Newsletter.
- IX.** *Children, youth and young adults are represented on all decision-making bodies*
- X.** *There are events planned for and by children, youth and young adults every year. A significant number of these events provide children, youth and young adults with leadership opportunities*
- XI.** *There is evidence that inclusive language is becoming the norm in the life and work of our church throughout our Regional Council, especially inclusive language and images of God in worship*
- XII.** *Reports from equity monitors and meeting notes give evidence of a growing awareness of equity standards*
- XIII.** *The number of Communities of Faith designated as Affirming continues to increase*
- XIV.** *An increasing number of Communities of Faith, along with ECORC and the Assembly of Elders, are developing plans to increase their environmental stewardship*
- XV.** *We can document specific actions we have taken to become intercultural*

New Business –

- a) **GC 45 Commissioners and Proposal** – Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly
- Deadline to submit names of Commissioners and Proposals is October 31st
- It was suggested to have a separate meeting (instead of at the annual general meeting) to nominate GC 45 Commissioners and vote on proposals

- At the annual general meeting, time on the agenda could be made for a formal request for GC 45 nominations and proposals (also could include Moderator's invitation)
 - Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly will see if an extension of deadline for naming commissioners and forwarding proposals is possible.
- b) **Vacancy on Facilitation Forum** - Rev. Wanda Stride shared that Rev. Phil Wilson has resigned; members of the Assembly of Elders expressed gratitude for Phil's leadership.
- c) **Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) Invitation** – Rev. Wanda Stride shared that Elizabeth Cunningham and Mary-Margaret Boone are the RC's current representatives to TUCC. Wanda will follow up to see if both would like to continue representing the Regional Council on the council.
- d) **Prayers for El Salvador Pilgrims!** There is a blog page, and all are welcome to visit and see what pilgrims will be experiencing during their trip in El Salvador. It was highlighted that fundraising was a success and that new computers have been purchased and new water collections systems will be created!
- e) **Resignation as General Council 44 Commissioner** – Rev. Wanda Stride will be resigning as General Council 44 Commissioner and therefore, will no longer be continuing as Speaker with Assembly of Elders (beginning at the rise of the spring general meeting)
- f) **Sacred Film Festival** – Proposal for funding coming to April 2nd Assembly of Elders meeting

2024-03-05-016 MOTION (W. Sheaves/P. Long) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders move this portion of the meeting in-camera. **CARRIED**

2024-03-05-017 MOTION (J. Payne/B. James) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council Assembly of Elders close the in-camera session. **CARRIED**

Equity Monitor Report – Rev. Lynn Watson, walked through the scorecard provided by the Equity Leadership Team, and highlighted as a reminder, for good practice: to raise hands, not speak over people, self-identify when speaking, identify pronouns in name on Zoom,

The Chair declared that all of the business having come before this meeting of the Assembly of Elders was duly concluded at 4:05PM.

Closing Prayer – Joyce Payne

Next Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 (1 PM) Zoom
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 (1 PM) in person
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024 (1 PM) Zoom

Rev. Wanda Stride
Speaker

Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly
Executive Minister

ECORC Assembly of Elders - Participation Roster

	Opening worship/Land ack/closing prayer	Equity Monitor Roles
<i>April 2 2024</i>	Brian James	Steve Coles
<i>May 7 2024</i>	Kaitlyn Ostrander	Kevin Fitzpatrick
<i>June 4 2024</i>	Lynn Watson	Kaitlyn Ostrander

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Appendix A¹

Media round-up 2023

HOW THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA FARED IN MEDIA COVERAGE IN 2023

Lori-Ann Livingston | Press and PR lead | Jan. 2, 2024

Summary

On the whole, media coverage of The United Church of Canada exceeded my expectations for 2023. My methods were simple – in the absence of formal media monitoring, I set up Google alerts for both The United Church of Canada and Carmen Lansdowne.

I bookmarked all English-language links that mentioned UCCan, whether it was the focus of the story, or simply a mention. I was unable to thoroughly capture video or radio news broadcasts, although some of these links also show up in the list.

Some of these links include Broadview, although the links I bookmarked do not represent a comprehensive list of the stories they have done about UCCan. That would be a report unto itself. I also included blogs or posts to our ecumenical partners' websites as hits.

The total stories for 2023 are numbered at 305.

Themes

Most of the subject matter of the 305 links fell into a few themes, which I categorized as: Indigenous, climate, growth and decline, justice, governance and leadership, people and bad news. Not everything fell into these themes, so there are a number of standalone and crossover articles.

INDIGENOUS

Indigenous stories made up a full 26% of the total coverage, with MMIWG2S stories 35% of those; many of these focused on the activism around Camp Morgan and Camp Mercedes. The Tseshahht announcement made up about 29% of coverage, but had a wider range of coverage, including Indigenous media and French media. Indigenous topics included the following:

- MMIWG2S
- Tseshahht announcement
- Reconciliation efforts
- Residential institutions and unmarked graves
- Mohawk Bible

CLIMATE

Climate stories made up 8% of the overall stories; most of these are positive stories that cover United churches accessing Faithful Footprints funding, sustainable redevelopment, our climate motivators, and our involvement with COP28.

GROWTH AND DECLINE

Growth and decline stories tell us the story of the church as perceived by mainstream media. Of the overall media coverage, this theme garnered about 14% of media coverage. Growth and decline included:

- Surviving

- Thriving
- Camps
- Closed or closing

By far, the stories (34%) focused on the closed or closing aspect of the church, either highlighting historical buildings now or long closed, or about to close.

A quarter of the stories focused on the “surviving” of the church – congregations managing to keep their doors open. Stories about camps – most about camps closing down during the summer – were about 16%. Stories of the thriving church – introducing new programs, or deep involvement with their wider community – were about 18% of the total; this will reflect the pillars of the strategic plan, and I hope to see an increase in these stories in 2024.

JUSTICE

Justice stories made up 31.5% of the overall media coverage. These I streamlined into the following:

- LGBTQIA2S
- Million Person March articles referencing UCCan
- Housing
- Refugees and relief
- Palestine and Israel

Stories that focused on LGBTQIA2S topics were a full 51% of the total justice stories. Palestine and Israel garnered 19% in just the last three months of 2023. Refugees and relief stories made up 11.5%, while housing justice made up 8% of the coverage.

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Governance and leadership included:

- Moderator and General Secretary
- GCE
- Ecumenical and interfaith

All of the stories about the GCE came from *Broadview*, as you might expect. Of the overall media coverage for the church, governance and leadership made up 11%.

PEOPLE

People included obituaries, dedications, columns, announcements and memoria. This sort of mention made up about 6% of the overall stories.

BAD NEWS

Thankfully, there weren't many of these kinds of stories, and they made up 4% of the overall media coverage for the year. The stories were specific to regions, including child luring, a fenced-off church in Regina, and fraud. I don't think I've captured all the stories that some regions may have been dealing with.

2023 media coverage round-up

305 links

INDIGENOUS

<https://broadview.org/national-indigenous-spiritual-gathering-united-church/>

Tseshahat announcement

BEFORE

<https://www.coastreporter.net/bc-news/ground-scanning-results-to-be-released-next-week-for-former-alberni-indian-residential-school-6552438>

<https://theprovince.com/news/local-news/results-search-graves-vancouver-island-school-to-be-released/wcm/8ec3ae94-a217-4a96-a3bc-6f1476454e57>

* <https://broadview.org/alberni-indian-residential-school-graves/>

https://www.thecanadianpressnews.ca/politics/early-results-of-search-for-possible-graves-at-vancouver-island-school-to-be-released/article_e5db0ea5-2d94-5889-8630-f0430cefo243.html

<https://www.cheknews.ca/tseshahat-first-nation-to-share-findings-from-ground-search-at-former-residential-school-1140659/>

ANNOUNCEMENT

<https://globalnews.ca/news/9501204/former-alberni-indian-residential-school-children-deaths-tseshahat-first-nation/>

<https://globalnews.ca/video/9502100/b-c-tseshahat-first-nation-release-preliminary-school-grave-search-information/>

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/b-c-first-nation-to-release-results-of-search-for-unmarked-graves-at-school-site-1.6282503>

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/b-c-first-nation-says-17-suspected-grave-sites-detected-near-residential-school-site-1.6282503?autoplay=true>

<https://www.cheknews.ca/tseshahat-nation-says-17-possible-graves-found-in-residential-school-search-1141585/>

<https://www.cheknews.ca/videos/63f51ad3bb3faa00014f928e/tseshaht-first-nation-reveals-findings-from-residential-school-search/>

<https://www.albernavalleynews.com/news/city-of-port-alberni-cancels-feb-21-budget-meeting/>

<https://www.iheartradio.ca/virginradio/vancouver/news/b-c-first-nation-says-dozens-of-children-died-at-residential-school-in-port-alberni-1.19280242>

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/b-c-first-nation-to-release-results-of-search-for-unmarked-graves-at-school-site/wcm/f2ad2e5f-1ad3-441b-bac3-3fcf52692eea>

https://www.thecanadianpressnews.ca/prairies_bc/bc/suspected-grave-sites-childrens-deaths-found-in-probe-of-b-c-residential-school/article_e3d6db5f-ef69-51ed-b75e-b9859796468d.html

<https://www.castanet.net/edition/news-story-412488-3-.htm>

* <https://www.dailysabah.com/world/americas/17-more-unmarked-graves-found-in-canada-residential-school>

* <https://www.timescolonist.com/local-news/first-nation-says-17-suspected-grave-sites-detected-at-former-alberni-residential-school-6590215>

* <https://broadview.org/alberni-indian-residential-school-deaths/>

FRENCH Language

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1956880/port-alberni-georadar-tombes-anonymes-ile-vancouver?depuisRecherche=true>

<https://www.ledevoir.com/societe/782665/17-tombes-anonymes-detectees-pres-d-un-ancien-pensionnat-en-colombie-britannique>

* <https://presence-info.ca/article/actualite/religion/au-moins-67-enfants-morts-dans-un-pensionnat-pour-autochtones-de-colombie-britannique/>

INDIGENOUS

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Appendix A²**Strategic Communications Plan 2024**

In order to develop a strategic communications plan which allows maximum impact with minimum turnaround, as well as offering relevant, consistent and timely communications to the general public (external) as well as within the regional council (internal), I recommend that we identify, discern and develop the following resources.

1) EDITORIAL TEAM

- a. Create a small editorial team (maximum 3-4 people) who will help guide and shape a strategic internal and external communications plan on behalf of the regional council.
- b. Identify strategic objectives and measurable outcomes.

2) LIST OF RELEVANT TOPICS

- a. Identify current and future public issues that we, as members of The United Church of Canada in Quebec, may have a unique prophetic voice to share
(*eg. LGBTQ2S+, refugees and newcomers, anti-racism, accessibility, right relations, climate justice, medical assistance in dying, etc.*)

3) TEAM OF SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

- a. Identify and invite subject matter experts from our regional council (preferably bilingual) who may be qualified and available to speak on each of our core issues on demand
- b. Work with subject matter experts to create proactive media releases for each topic that may be customized as current news events arise
- c. Discern list of relevant hashtags (English and French) to use in social media posts
- d. Identify journalists and media outlets who specialize in relevant topics and build connections

4) COMMUNICATIONS CALENDAR 2024

- a. Identify relevant commemorative / awareness days/weeks/months/events
(*international, national, provincial, local communities*)
- b. Identify UCCan special days and events
(*national, regional, local*)
- c. Identify key days and events from other religions and cultures
- d. Develop messages and collect resources linked to special days and events and schedule into calendar for newsletter, social media, press releases, etc.

Appendix B

East Central Ontario Regional Council
Covenant Support Team Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 20, 2024 by Zoom, 2:30 PM

Present: Bill Sheaves (Chair), Lisa Monsma (recording), Darren Liepold, Kate Gregory, Phil Hobbs, Cheryl McMurray, Steve Coles, Freda Burns, Anne Meredith, Donna Bignell, Ted Meyers, Paul Kneebone, Caroline Giesbrecht, Lynn Watson

Regrets: Sue Hogan, Randy Scott, Stephanie Redmond

1. Welcome by the Chair, Bill Sheaves
2. Opening Prayer, by Phil Hobbs
3. Additions to the Agenda by consensus
4. Approval of the Agenda by consensus
5. Approval of the Minutes from January 23, 2024 by consensus (incorrect date on minutes)
6. Business arising from the minutes; none
7. **Forum/Team Reports:**
 - i. **Liaison: (Steve Coles)**
 - Cambridge (March 10; voting for a call)
 - Centennial; going to become a SME site, need a new PCS
 - ii. **LLWL: (Cheryl McMurray)**
 - No report
 - Meeting next week; one new person wanting training, one to transfer from other region
 - 5 students in the program, 30 approved
 - iii. **Retirees: (Caroline Giesbrecht)**
 - No report
 - iv. **Mission through Property: (Ted Meyers)**
 - Lots going on
 - Lots of questions about what to do with properties
 - St. James United (Peterborough) helping with lease (to become a tenant)
 - Bowmanville (Kindred Works) working with the tenants to create suitable lease agreements
 - Trinity in Uxbridge-they have a new vision in the works, hopefully can report soon

8. ECOR Information (Darren Liepold): Motions of Appointments

1. **Motion:** by Phil Hobbs, second by Lynn Watson “That upon confirming eligibility on church hub, the Covenant Support Team recommend to the Assembly of Elders, the appointment of the Rev. Norm Long, retired supply to the Eastminster Belleville Community of Faith with the following terms; 50% time January 9, 2024-August 31st, 2024, with all items according to the UCC Manual”. Carried ✓

Retirements:

- b. **Motion:** by Lisa Monsma, and seconded by Donna Bignell “That the Covenant Support Team recommend to the Assembly of Elders that we accept the retirement of the Rev. Elaine Kellogg, Grace Napanee effective June 30th, 2024”. Carried ✓

Governance

- c. **Motion:** by Cheryl McMurray, seconded by Donna Bignell “That due to the ongoing crisis at Hampton United Church (which is just north of Bowmanville), that a commission be appointed to take over the governance and trustees of Hampton United Church. The commission consists of: Steve Coles, Patti James, Tom Smart and Lynn Watson.” Carried ✓

Staffing

It has long been the plan to have some help in this position. Eric and Darren were in discussion about how this best might happen. A job description was developed, and approved by the Assembly of Elders and has been advertised. A half time person will take over approving calls, appointments, and assisting folks with church hub. Darren will be employed full time working on congregation support and development. It is hoped the new person will be able to start as soon as possible. This person will be the key staff person to work with this CST.

Information and Discussion

1. Last month Darren sent the committee a **self assessment tool** for congregations. If you have feedback, please send to Darren
2. **Amalgamating and Disbanding** resources Ted and Elizabeth’s document. Looking for a better place on the website: currently under policies.
3. **Lay Mentoring Network:** send any ideas to Darren
4. **Association of Ministers:** Had the second meeting in January. Too many opinions. Planning an event to get started, probably in the fall, as a stand-alone event. The committee will work to gather some more information about what people want.
5. **M&P Refreshers:** This is done. There will be a course offered in spring and fall.
6. **Healthy Connections:** Establishing a network of “friends”, a listening ear.
7. **Covenant Renewal:** congregations will be encouraged to renew their covenant with their ministers and the region for the 100th anniversary of the UCC. (Darren to report on this at the April regional meeting-
8. **Centres of Excellence:** Encourage congregations to “tell the stories of the things they do well” and feature in the Region’s Newsletter.
9. **Northminster (Oshawa):** Had a congregational meeting February 4, 2024. (Working with Jean Wilson). Voted to close, very close vote. Considering re-vote, but will decide after Easter. (Will need to be 2/3 this time.)
10. **Ministry in Changing Times:** workshop February 21, 2024 at St. John’s U.C. (Campbellford) Four churches involved: Campbellford, Warkworth, Seymor, Hastings.

11. **Trinity (Cobourg):** Sent a letter to Darren, going through their reserves and wondering what their options are. Darren has sent a reply.

Sabbatical

- d. **Motion:** by Lynn Watson, seconded by Steves Coles “That the Covenant Support Team recommend to the Assembly of Elders that they approve the sabbatical of Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley from the Buckhorn Pastoral Charge effective July 1 to August 11, 2024 and June 30 to August 10, 2025”. Carried ✓

Pastoral Charge Supervisor

- e. **Motion:** by Phil Hobbs, second by Cheryl McMurray “That the Covenant Support Team recommend to the Assembly of Elders that Anne Meredith be appointed Pastoral Charge Supervisor to Centennial-Albert Pastoral Charge, AFTER a PCS has been approved at Greenbank” Carried ✓ (Abstain: 1, Anne Meredith)

Terms of Office: Bill asked for clarification of who was ending their time on the CST in 2024. Kate Gregory, Lisa Monsma, Donna Bignell and Cheryl McMurray are ending their time on this committee at the end of June. Cheryl is willing to stay on the committee.

Committee had a brief discuss about United Church camps and who is responsible to help them.

Next Meeting

March 19th, 2024, by zoom, 2:30 p.m.

Appendix C**February 2024 Goalposts**
As at March 5th 2024

Stream 1 – Gathered examples of self-assessment tools (Darren)

A rough copy of a survey has been developed after running it by Tori, and the Covenant Support Team. We are trying to make it easy to fill out with checking boxes rather than lengthy paragraphs to fill out but also having a chance to have congregations share what they are good at and what their mission statements are.

Stream 2 – Gathered examples of governance models (Darren)

We have struck a governance team forum to look at different models. They are Steve Coles, Patti James, Tom Smart and Lynn Watson. They will be examining different forms of governance and hope to have a report for the end of June.

Stream 7 – List of participating communities of faith in Faithful Footprints and Greening Sacred Spaces (Karen)

Karen has the list in hand from the GCO.

Stream 8 – Regional Council meeting registration form includes tracking mechanism for 2024 carbon footprint tracking (Karen)

Karen has modified the registration form to include these details.

Stream 9 – Survey in newsletter to see if there is interest in establishing a Climate Forum in ECORC (Karen)

This is happening.

Stream 12 – Healthy Connections Forum structure and model draft (Darren)

This has been raised with the Covenant Support Team. Darren will do a presentation at the April Regional meeting and plan training events for Connectors (which we have come to discover may not be the best term) in May so they can be in place in June. Darren will be spending the next month developing a job description and training materials for the Connectors.

Appendix D¹

Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of a Regional Council

IN THE MATTER OF 6 Winchester Street, Minden ;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the sale of said property to Rev. Max Ward and Amanda Austin.

CERTIFICATE OF TRUSTEES ASKING CONSENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

The United Church of Canada Act, Schedule B, Trust of Model Deed Part 6

The Manual (2019 edition), section G.2.3

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a just and true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Highland Hills United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge, at meetings of the Board of Trustees duly held for that purpose.

"Moved that the Trustees of Highland Hills United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge, having received the direction of the Unified Board of the said pastoral charge to do so, request the consent of East Central Regional Council:

(1) to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is Lot 52 Plan 172 Anson except the westerly 8 feet, Minden Hills, Haliburton County and the municipal address of which is 6 Winchester Street, pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Highland Hills United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, as Sellers, and Rev, Maxwell Ward and Amanda Austin, as Buyers, dated the 14 day of February, 2024, and subject to Regional Council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

Purchase by Rev, Maxwell Ward and Amanda Austin of said property in the amount of \$375,000, secured with a \$25,000 deposit, executed on February 24,2024 and scheduled for completion on April 4, 2024. The agreement is subject to two conditions:

(1) Buyer's condition of financing, waiver due February 29, 2024

(2) Seller's condition on approval of East Central Regional Council, waiver also due February 29, 2024.

and in pursuance of the said resolution, we hereby apply to East Central Ontario Regional Council for its consent to the sale of 6 Winchester Street, Minden.

Dated this 21 day of February, 2024.

Brian Austen-Trustee

Wes Lytle-Trustee

Attachments forming part of this Certificate:

(a) Agreement of purchase and sale-as pdf file

(b) Unified Board direction-approved-as pdf file

Appendix D²

OREA Ontario Real Estate Association **Agreement of Purchase and Sale** **Form 100**
for use in the Province of Ontario

This Agreement of Purchase and Sale dated this 13th day of February, 2024

BUYER, Maxwell Ward and Amanda Austin, agrees to purchase from
(Full legal names of all Buyers)

SELLER, Trustees for the Congregation of Highland Hills United Church, the following
(Full legal names of all Sellers)

REAL PROPERTY:

Address 6 Winchester Street, Minden fronting on the east side
of Winchester Street in the Geographic Township of Anson
and having a frontage of as per survey 77 1/2' more or less by a depth of as per survey 146' more or less
and legally described as Lot 52, Plan 172, except the westerly 8 feet (the "property").
(Legal description of land including easements not described elsewhere)

PURCHASE PRICE: Dollars (CDNS) \$375,000.00
Three Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand -----00 Dollars

DEPOSIT: Buyer submits Upon Acceptance
(Herewith/Upon Acceptance/as otherwise described in this Agreement)
Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (CDNS) \$25,000.00

by negotiable cheque payable to Seller's lawyer, in trust "Deposit Holder" to be held in trust pending completion or other termination of this Agreement and to be credited toward the Purchase Price on completion. For the purposes of this Agreement, "Upon Acceptance" shall mean that the Buyer is required to deliver the deposit to the Deposit Holder within 24 hours of the acceptance of this Agreement. The parties to this Agreement hereby acknowledge that, unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the Deposit Holder shall place the deposit in trust in the Deposit Holder's non-interest bearing Real Estate Trust Account and no interest shall be earned, received or paid on the deposit.

Buyer agrees to pay the balance as more particularly set out in Schedule A attached.

SCHEDULE(S) A B attached hereto form(s) part of this Agreement.

- IRREVOCABILITY:** This Offer shall be irrevocable by SELLER Buyer until 11:59 p.m. on the 16 day of February, 2024, after which time, if not accepted, this Offer shall be null and void and the deposit shall be returned to the Buyer in full without interest.
- COMPLETION DATE:** This Agreement shall be completed by no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 4th day of April, 2024. Upon completion, vacant possession of the property shall be given to the Buyer unless otherwise provided for in this in the Agreement.
- NOTICES:** Seller hereby appoints the Listing Brokerage as Agent for the seller purpose of giving and receiving notices pursuant to this Agreement. Where a Brokerage (Buyer's Brokerage) has entered into a representation agreement with the Buyer, the Buyer hereby appoints the Buyer's Brokerage as agent for the purpose of giving and receiving notices pursuant to this Agreement. Where a Brokerage represents both the Seller and the Buyer (multiple representation), the Brokerage shall not be entitled or authorized to be agent for either the Buyer or the Seller for the purpose of giving and receiving notices. Any notice relating hereto or provided for herein shall be in writing. In addition to any provision contained herein and in any Schedule hereto, this offer, any counter-offer, notice of acceptance thereof or any notice to be given or received pursuant to this Agreement or any Schedule hereto shall be deemed given and received when delivered personally or hand delivered to the Address for Service provided in the Acknowledgement below, or where a facsimile number is provided herein, when transmitted electronically to that facsimile number.

FAX No. _____ (For delivery of notices to Seller) FAX No. _____ (For delivery of notices to Buyer)

INITIALS OF BUYER(S): AA INITIALS OF SELLER(S): JWC

- 4. **CHATELS INCLUDED:**
refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, deep freezer, clothes washer and dryer, lawn mower, all chattels "as is"
- 5. **FIXTURES EXCLUDED:**
None
- 6. **RENTAL ITEMS:** The following equipment is rented and not included in the Purchase Price. The Buyer agrees to assume the rental contract(s), if assumable: hot water tank, Reliance
- 7. **GST/HST:** If the sale of the property (Real Property as described above) is subject to Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) then such tax shall be included in the Purchase Price. If the sale of the Property is not subject to GST or HST, Seller agrees to certify on or before closing, that the sale of the property is not subject to GST or HST. Any HST on chattels, if applicable, is not included in the purchase price.
- 8. **TITLE SEARCH:** Buyer shall be allowed until 6:00 p.m. on the 24th day of March, 2024 (Requisition Date) to examine the title to the Property at Buyer's own expense and until the earlier of: (i) thirty days from the later of the Requisition Date or the date on which the conditions in this Agreement are fulfilled or otherwise waived or; (ii) five days prior to completion, to satisfy Buyer that there are no outstanding work orders or deficiency notices affecting the Property, and that its present use (Single Family Dwelling) may be lawfully continued and that the principal building may be insured against risk of fire. Seller hereby consents to the municipality or other governmental agencies releasing to Buyer details of all outstanding work orders and deficiency notices affecting the property, and Seller agrees to execute and deliver such further authorizations in this regard as Buyer may reasonably require.
- 9. **FUTURE USE:** Seller and Buyer agree that there is no representation or warranty of any kind that the future intended use of the property by Buyer is or will be lawful except as may be specifically provided for in this Agreement.
- 10. **TITLE:** Provided that the title to the property is good and free from all registered restrictions, charges, liens, and encumbrances except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement and save and except for (a) any registered restrictions or covenants that run with the land providing that such are complied with; (b) any registered municipal agreements and registered agreements with publicly regulated utilities providing such have been complied with, or security has been posted to ensure compliance and completion, as evidenced by a letter from the relevant municipality or regulated utility; (c) any minor easements for the supply of domestic utility or telephone services to the property or adjacent properties; and (d) any easements for drainage, storm or sanitary sewers, public utility lines, telephone lines, cable television lines or other services which do not materially affect the use of the property. If within the specified times referred to in paragraph 8 any valid objection to title or to any outstanding work order or deficiency notice, or to the fact the said present use may not lawfully be continued, or that the principal building may not be insured against risk of fire is made in writing to Seller and which Seller is unable or unwilling to remove, remedy or satisfy or obtain insurance save and except against risk of fire (Title Insurance) in favour of the Buyer and any mortgagees, (with all related costs at the expense of the Seller), and which Buyer will not waive, this Agreement notwithstanding any intermediate acts or negotiations in respect of such objections, shall be at an end and all monies paid shall be returned without interest or deduction and Seller, Listing Brokerage and Co-operating Brokerage shall not be liable for any costs or damages. Save as to any valid objection so made by such day and except for any objection going to the root of the title, Buyer shall be conclusively deemed to have accepted Seller's title to the property.
- 11. **CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS:** Where each of the Seller and Buyer retain a lawyer to complete the Agreement of Purchase and Sale of the Property, and where the transaction will be completed by electronic registration pursuant to Part III of the Land Registration Reform Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter L4 and the Electric Registration Act, S.O. 1991, Chapter 44, and any amendments thereof to the Seller and Buyer acknowledge and agree that the exchange of closing funds, non-registrable documents and other items (the "Requisite Deliveries") and the release thereof to the Seller and Buyer will (a) not occur at the same time as the registration of the transfer/deed (and other documents intended to be registered in connection with the completion of this transaction) and (b) be subject to conditions whereby the lawyer(s) receiving any of the Requisite Deliveries will required to hold same in trust and not release same except in accordance with the terms of a document registration agreement between the said lawyers. The Seller and Buyer irrevocably instruct the said lawyers to be bound by the document registration agreement which is recommended from time to time by the Law Society of Upper Canada. Unless otherwise agreed to by the lawyers, such exchange of the Requisite Deliveries will occur in the applicable Land Titles Office or such other location agreeable to both lawyers.
- 12. **DOCUMENTS AND DISCHARGE:** Buyer shall not call for the production of any title deed, abstract, survey or other evidence of title to the property except such as are in the possession or control of Seller. If requested by Buyer, Seller will deliver any sketch or survey of the property within Seller's control to Buyer as soon as possible and prior to the Requisition Date.

INITIALS OF BUYER(S): 

INITIALS OF SELLER(S): 





If a discharge of any Charge/Mortgage held by a corporation incorporated pursuant to the Trust and Loan Companies Act (Canada), Chartered Bank, Trust Company, Credit Union, Caisse Populaire or Insurance Company and which is not to be assumed by Buyer on completion, is not available in registrable form on completion, Buyer agrees to accept Seller's lawyer's personal undertaking to obtain, out of the closing funds, a discharge in registrable form and to register same on title within a reasonable period of time after completion, provided that on or before completion Seller shall provide to Buyer a mortgage statement prepared by the mortgagee setting out the balance required to obtain the discharge, together with a direction executed by Seller directing payment to the mortgagee of the amount required to obtain the discharge out of the balance due on completion.

- 13 **INSPECTION:** Buyer acknowledges having had the opportunity to inspect the property and understands that upon acceptance of this Offer there shall be a binding agreement of purchase and sale between Buyer and Seller. The Buyer acknowledges having the opportunity to include a requirement for a property inspection report in this Agreement and agrees that except as may be specifically provided for in this Agreement, the Buyer will not be obtaining a property inspection or property inspection report regarding the property.
- 14 **INSURANCE:** All buildings on the property and all other things being purchased shall be and remain until completion at the risk of Seller. Pending completion, Seller shall hold all insurance policies, if any, and the proceeds thereof in trust for the parties as their interests may appear and in the event of substantial damage, Buyer may either terminate this Agreement and have all monies paid returned without interest or deduction or else take the proceeds of any insurance and complete the purchase. No insurance shall be transferred on completion. If Seller is taking back a Charge/Mortgage, or Buyer is assuming a Charge/Mortgage, Buyer shall supply Seller with reasonable evidence of adequate insurance to protect Seller's or other mortgagee's interest on completion.
- 15 **PLANNING ACT:** This Agreement shall be effective to create an interest in the property only if Seller complies with the subdivision control provisions of the Planning Act by completion and Seller covenants to proceed diligently at his expense to obtain any necessary consent by completion.
- 16 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION:** The Transfer/Deed shall, save for the Land Transfer Tax Affidavit, be prepared in registrable form at the expense of Seller, and any Charge/Mortgage to be given back by the Buyer to Seller at the expense of the Buyer. If requested by Buyer, Seller covenants that the Transfer/Deed to be delivered on completion shall contain the statements contemplated by Section 50 (22) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.
- 17 **RESIDENCY:** Buyer shall be credited towards the Purchase Price with the amount, if any, necessary for Buyer to pay to the Minister of National Revenue to satisfy Buyer's liability in respect of tax payable by Seller under the non-residency provisions of the Income Tax Act by reason of this sale. Buyer shall not claim such credit if Seller delivers on completion the prescribed certificate or a statutory declaration that Seller is not then a non-resident of Canada.
- 18 **ADJUSTMENTS:** Any rents, mortgage interest, realty taxes including local improvement rates and unmetered public or private utility charges and unmetered cost of fuel, as applicable, shall be apportioned and allowed to the day of completion, the day of completion itself be apportioned to Buyer.
- 19 **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT:** The Buyer and Seller hereby acknowledge that the Province of Ontario has implemented current value assessment and properties may be re-assessed on an annual basis. The Buyer and Seller agree that no claim will be made against the Buyer or Seller, or any Brokerage or Salesperson, for any changes in property tax as a result of a re-assessment of the property, save and except any property taxes that accrued prior to the completion of this transaction.
- 20 **TIME LIMITS:** Time shall in all respects be of the essence hereof provided that the time for doing and completing of any matter provided for herein may be extended or abridged by an agreement in writing signed by Seller and Buyer or by their respective lawyers who may be specifically authorized in that regard.
- 21 **TENDER:** Any tender of documents or money hereunder may be made upon Seller or Buyer or their respective lawyers on the day set for completion. Money may be tendered by bank draft or cheque certified by a Chartered Bank, Trust Company, Province of Ontario Savings Office, Credit Union or Caisse Populaire.
- 22 **FAMILY LAW ACT:** Seller warrants that spousal consent is not necessary to this transaction under provisions of the Family Law Act, R.S.O. 1990 unless Seller's spouse has executed the consent, hereinafter provided.
- 23 **UFFI:** Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that during the time Seller has owned the property, Seller has not caused any building on the property to be insulated with insulation containing ureaformaldehyde, and that to the best of Seller's knowledge no building on the property contains or has ever contained insulation that contains ureaformaldehyde. This warranty shall survive and not merge on the completion of this transaction, and if the building is part of a multiple unit building, this warranty shall only apply to that part of the building which is subject of this transaction.
- 24 **LEGAL, ACCOUNTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVICE:** The parties acknowledge that any information provided by the brokerage is not legal, tax or environmental advice.
- 25 **CONSUMER REPORTS:** The Buyer is hereby notified that a consumer report containing credit and/or personal information may be referred to in connection with this transaction.
- 26 **AGREEMENT IN WRITING:** If there is conflict or discrepancy between any provision written or typed in this Agreement (including any Schedule attached hereto) and any provision in the standard pre-set portion hereof, the added provision shall supersede the standard pre-set provision to the extent of such conflict or discrepancy. This Agreement, including any Schedule attached hereto, shall constitute the entire Agreement between Buyer and Seller. There is no representation, warranty, collateral agreement or

INITIALS OF BUYER(S):

INITIALS OF SELLER(S):



condition which affects this Agreement other than as expressed herein. This Agreement shall be read with all changes of gender or number required by the context.

27 **TIME AND DATE:** Any reference to a time and date in this Agreement shall mean the time and date where the property is located.

28 **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS:** The heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the undersigned are bound by the terms herein.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of: IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal:

<u>[Signature]</u> (Witness)	<u>[Signature]</u> Mazwell Ward (Buyer)	(Seal) DATE <u>2024 02 14</u>
<u>[Signature]</u> (Witness)	<u>[Signature]</u> Arakis Austin (Buyer)	(Seal) DATE <u>2024 02 14</u>

I, the Undersigned Seller, agree to the above Offer. I hereby irrevocably instruct my lawyer to pay directly to the Listing Brokerage the unpaid balance of the commission together with applicable Goods and Services Tax (and any other taxes as may hereafter be applicable), from the proceeds of the sale prior to any payment to the undersigned on completion, as advised by the Listing Brokerage to my lawyer.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of: IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal:

<u>[Signature]</u> (Witness)	<u>[Signature]</u> Brid Austen - Trustee (Seller)	(Seal) DATE <u>02/14/24</u>
<u>[Signature]</u> (Witness)	<u>[Signature]</u> Wesley Lyde - Trustee (Seller) Congregation of Highland Hills Church	(Seal) DATE <u>FEB 14/24</u>

SPOUSAL CONSENT: The Undersigned Spouse of the Seller hereby consents to the disposition evidenced herein pursuant to the provisions of the Family Law Act, R.S.O.1990, and hereby agrees with the Buyer that he/she will execute all necessary or incidental documents to give full force and effect to the sale evidenced herein.

<u>[Signature]</u> (Witness)	<u>[Signature]</u> (Spouse)	(Seal) DATE _____
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CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE: Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, I confirm this Agreement with all changes both typed and written was finally accepted by all parties at Minden this 14th day of February, 20 24.
(Signature of Seller or Buyer)

INFORMATION ON BROKERAGE(S)

Listing Brokerage _____	Tel. No. _____
Co-op/Buyer Brokerage _____	Tel. No. _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge receipt of my signed copy of this accepted Agreement of Purchase and Sale and I authorize the Agent to forward a copy to my lawyer.

<u>[Signature]</u> (Seller)	DATE <u>FEB 14/24</u>
<u>[Signature]</u> (Seller)	DATE <u>FEB 14/24</u>

Address for Service _____
Tel No. _____

Seller's Lawyer Donald J. Lange
Address _____
Tel. No. _____ Fax No. _____

I acknowledge receipt of my signed copy of this accepted Agreement of Purchase and Sale and I authorize the Agent to forward a copy to my lawyer.

<u>[Signature]</u> (Buyer)	DATE <u>Feb 14, 2024</u>
<u>[Signature]</u> (Buyer)	DATE <u>2024 02 14</u>

Address for Service _____
Tel No. _____

Buyer's Lawyer David A.P. Shapiera
Address _____
Tel. No. _____ Fax No. _____

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COMMISSION TRUST AGREEMENT

To: Co-operating Brokerage shown on the foregoing Agreement of Purchase and Sale:

In consideration for the Co-operating Brokerage procuring the foregoing Agreement of Purchase and Sale, I hereby declare that all moneys received or receivable by me in connection with the Transaction as contemplated in the MLS Rules and Regulations of my Real Estate Board shall be receivable and held in trust. This agreement shall constitute a Commission Trust Agreement as defined in the MLS Rules and shall be subject to and governed by the MLS Rules pertaining to Commission Trust.

DATED as of the date and the time of the acceptance of the foregoing Agreement of Purchase and Sale. Acknowledged by:

(Authorized to bind the Listing Brokerage)

(Authorized to bind the Co-operating Brokerage)



Schedule A Agreement of Purchase and Sale

Form 100
for use in the Province of Ontario

This Schedule is attached to and forms part of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between:

BUYER, Maxwell Ward and Amanda Austin, and

SELLER, Trustees for the Congregation of Highland Hills United Church

For the purchase and sale of Lot 52, Plan 172, except the westerly 8 feet, Geographic Township of Anson

dated the _____ day of February, 20 24

Buyer agrees to pay the balance as follows:

The Buyer agrees to pay the balance of the purchase price, subject to adjustments, by bank draft or certified cheque, to the Seller on the completion of this transaction.

The parties agree that the within agreement may be executed in counter parts, and by fax transmission or email, and in that case the parties shall sign original copies and provide same on closing, and said original copies shall be deemed to be signed as of the date of acceptance otherwise communicated by the parties by fax transmission or email.

This agreement is conditional upon the Buyers arranging, at the Buyer's own expense, a new first Charge/Mortgage satisfactory to the Buyers in the Buyers' sole and absolute discretion. Unless the Buyers give notice in writing delivered to the Seller not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 29th day of February, 2024, that this condition is fulfilled, this agreement shall be deemed to be null and void and the deposit shall be returned to the Buyers in full without deduction. This condition is included for the benefit of the Buyers and may be waived at the Buyers' sole option by notice in writing to the Seller within the time period stated herein.

This agreement is conditional upon the Seller obtaining written approval for the completion of the within agreement from the Unified Board of HHPC and from the United Church of Canada, said approval to be obtained by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 29th day of February, 2024 failing which this agreement shall be deemed to be null and void and the deposit shall be returned to the Buyers in full without deduction.

This form must be initialed by all parties to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

INITIALS OF BUYER(S):

MA
AA

INITIALS OF SELLER(S):

[Signature]
[Signature]

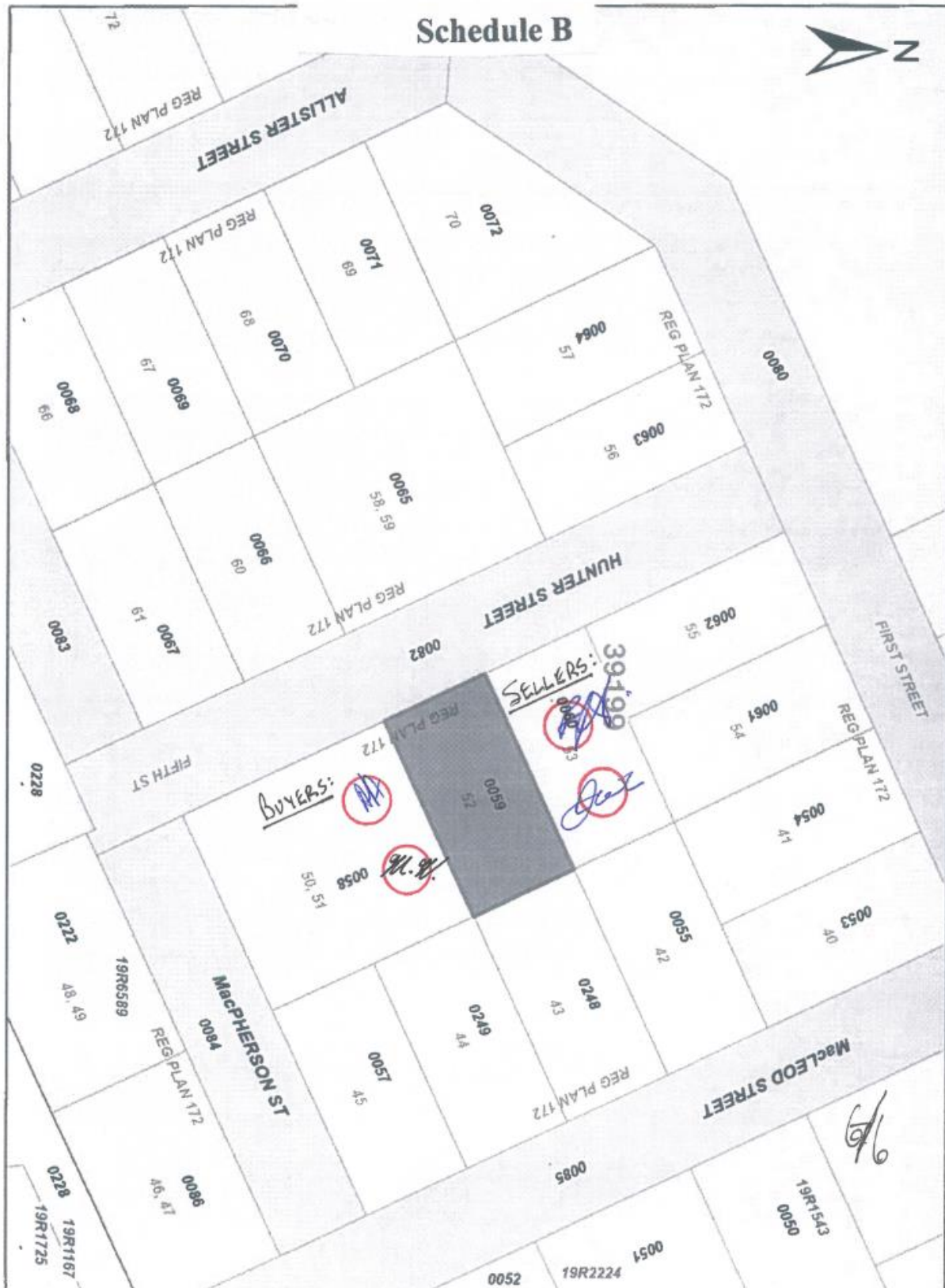


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Appendix E¹**Exchange Agreement**

February / 2024

The Exchange Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Mark Street United Church and TVM Mark Street Inc. was signed on November 14, 2023. Since that time, new developments and potential opportunities have been brought to our attention.

Amit Sofer (TVM) has now provided two updates:

1. Preliminary soil test inquiries have determined that two levels of underground parking are not advisable and this in turn dictates a potential change to the building as proposed.
2. Provincial and municipal governments, in keeping with the need for more housing, have now put added emphasis on the construction of apartment buildings. To this end, new financial incentives are being offered to developers and this direction is supported by Peterborough Council to meet its public commitment to achieving very ambitious new housing targets over the next several years.

While continuing to affirm TVM's willingness to continue the agreement with MSUC as negotiated, Amit offered an alternative, but consistent proposal that mitigates the soil concerns and will enable advantage to be taken of the policy changes occurring at the provincial and municipal level. His proposal is to change the build at MSUC from condominiums to apartments and in exchange he is prepared to offer MSUC , 4 specific condominium units as built at TVM's East City Condominium project at Hunter and Armour Road.

Being cognizant of the noted major risk currently facing MSUC that is represented by the years required to fully complete the original Agreement, the committee is conceptually very supportive of this alternative proposal. We believe the risk to MSUC can be mitigated and free ownership of the condominium units with significant rental incomes achieved in this next year.

This would eliminate the timing risk of a condominium build at MSUC and furthermore will provide ownership of 4 condominium units that will be completed and ready for occupancy and closing later in 2024.

An additional major benefit relates to the new hall, to be completed far sooner with this change, at an estimated cost of \$650,000 that is stipulated in the current agreement. This was originally negotiated in part, as compensation to MSUC as TVM is not required to complete the \$2,000,000 land acquisition exchange up front. Under the new proposed agreement, this no longer applies. As an incentive for our agreeing to these changes TVM however, will still agree to build the new hall. This represents a significant long term benefit to MSUC.

Conceptually although still subject to working out the mechanics, our team agrees that exchanging the suggested units for the CEC property (an exchange transaction valued at \$2 million) is beneficial to MSUC as it brings instant value, with strong revenues (see pro forma) and far greater certainty of success through a much earlier time frame. We dispose of the CEC land and building and receive the newly constructed Church Hall designed to our specifications.

In summary, TVM recognizes that to accept an amendment to our present agreement, MSUC needs to achieve a demonstrably better exchange value. The offer of a new hall plus 4 specific and already completed condominium units in East City Condos, with a demonstrable aggregate current market value in excess of \$2 million, is clearly

better as it removes any and all risk of MSUC not receiving the completed condominium units. All this will be completed years before December 31/2031 the final closing date in the original agreement.

Subject to the MSUC normal approval process and in light of the continuing roof concerns with the CEC, we strongly recommend amending our original agreement with TVM to reflect this opportunity .

We are asking for this committee's approval to continue discussions regarding amendments to the original Exchange Agreement.

Appendix E²

AMENDING AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDING AGREEMENT made the [xx] day of February 2024

BETWEEN:

The Board of Trustees of Mark Street United Church
(hereinafter called the "Transferor")

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

TVM Mark Street Inc.

(hereinafter called the "Transferee")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Transferor and the Transferee entered into an exchange agreement dated November 14, 2023 (the "Exchange Agreement"), and in accordance therewith the Transferor agreed to transfer and assign the CEC Lands to the Transferee in exchange for the Exchange Consideration on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Exchange Agreement.

AND WHEREAS the Transferor has agreed to grant to the Transferee the ECC Option as defined in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

AND WHEREAS the Transferor and the Transferee have agreed that the following sentence shall be added to Article 5.1(d) of the Exchange Agreement: "The Transferee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the Project Easement on 15 days written notice, in which case the Transferee shall pay the Transferor forthwith \$125,000.00 in respect of said termination.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AMENDING AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, other good and valuable consideration and the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) now paid by each of the parties to the other (the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged), the parties hereto covenant and agree each with the other as follows:

1. The parties hereby acknowledge, confirm and agree that the forgoing recitals are true in substance and fact. Any word or phrase not defined herein which is defined in the Exchange Agreement shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Exchange Agreement.
2. The Transferor hereby grants to the Transferee the ECC Option.
3. The following sentence shall be added to Article 5.1(d) of the Exchange Agreement: "The Transferee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the Project Easement on 15 days written notice, in which case the Transferee shall pay the Transferor forthwith \$125,000.00 in respect of said termination.
4. The parties confirm that in all other respects the Exchange Agreement shall remain in full force and effect except to the extent set forth in this Amending Agreement, and the Exchange Agreement is hereby ratified and affirmed by each of the Transferor and the Transferee.
5. The Transferor and the Transferee represent and warrant to each other that they have the right, full power and authority to agree to the amendments to the Exchange Agreement and the other provisions contained in this Amending Agreement and to execute this Amending Agreement.
6. Time, in all respects, shall be of the essence hereof.

- 7. This Amending Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario.
- 8. This Amending Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have duly executed this Amending Agreement as of the day, month and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED
in the presence of

TVM Mark Street Inc.

Per: _____

Amit J. Sofer
President
I have authority to bind the Corporation.

On Behalf of the Transferor

Per: _____

Name: Daryl Bennett
Title: Trustee – Chair of the Board
I have authority to bind the Transferor.

Per: _____

Name: Carolyn Holmes
Title: Chair of Council
I/we have authority to represent Council.

Per: _____

Name: Ned Wells

Title: Minister of Mark Street United Church

SCHEDULE "A"**ECC Option**

The Transferee shall have the right, but not the obligation, at any time on or after the date of this Amending Agreement for a period not exceeding sixteen (16) months from the date of this Amending Agreement (the "ECC Option Period") to elect to deliver to the Transferor the units (the "Replacement Units") in the East City Condominium project at 195 Hunter Street East, Peterborough, Ontario (the "ECC Project") specified in Schedule "B" attached hereto to replace the Residential Unit component of the Exchange Consideration (the "ECC Option"). The purchase price of each Replacement Unit shall be determined based on the market price at the time of the Alternate Final Closing Date, as defined below.

It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that the ECC Option hereby granted constitutes a present and absolute grant of the ECC Option as of the date hereof.

Transferee shall exercise the ECC Option by delivering written notice thereof (the "Exercise Notice") to Transferor, which notice shall specify (i) that the Transferee is exercising the ECC Option, and (ii) the date on which settlement hereunder shall occur (the "Alternate Final Closing Date"); provided, however, that the Alternate Final Closing Date shall be no fewer than thirty (30) days after the date of the Exercise Notice and no later than sixty (60) days after end of the ECC Option Period.

The Option described in Article 2.5 of the Exchange Agreement shall be deemed to expired on the date an Exercise Notice is delivered by the Transferee to the Transferor.

Upon delivery of an Exercise Notice:

1. "Aggregate Cost of the Residential Units" shall mean the Transferor's determination of the aggregate value of the Replacement Units.
2. "Exchange Consideration" shall mean the Replacement Units.
3. "Final Closing" shall mean the Alternate Final Closing Date.
4. "Project" shall mean, subject to all required or necessary regulatory applications, approvals, permits and/or licenses of governmental authorities to redevelop the CEC Lands into a multi-storey residential building fronting on Hunter Street East in the City of Peterborough, Ontario.
5. "Residential Units" shall mean the Replacement Units.
6. Article 7 – Termination of the Exchange Agreement shall be deleted in its entirety.

SCHEDULE "B"**Replacement Units**

Appendix F

Adolphustown-Conway Pastoral Charge	Northminster Pastoral Charge
Apsley Pastoral Charge	Pickering Village-Audley Pastoral Charge
Arden Pastoral Charge	Picton Pastoral Charge
Bancroft Pastoral Charge	Port Hope Pastoral Charge
Bethel, Emily Pastoral Charge	Prince Edward North Pastoral Charge
Bloomfield Pastoral Charge	Prince Edward South Pastoral Charge
Brechin Pastoral Charge	Princess Street Pastoral Charge
Bridge Street Pastoral Charge	Rawdon-Springbrook Pastoral Charge
Brooklin Pastoral Charge	Roblin-Enterprise Pastoral Charge
Burnt River Pastoral Charge	Scugog Pastoral Charge
Calvary Pastoral Charge	Selby Pastoral Charge
Claremont-Brougham Pastoral Charge	Seymour Pastoral Charge
Cobourg: Trinity Pastoral Charge	St. Mark's Pastoral Charge
Coe Hill-St. Ola-The Ridge Pastoral Charge	St. Matthew's Pastoral Charge
College Hill Pastoral Charge	St. Matthew's Pastoral Charge
Columbus Community Pastoral Charge	St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
Cooke's-Portsmouth Pastoral Charge	St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
Dunbarton-Fairport Pastoral Charge	Stockdale Pastoral Charge
Emmanuel Pastoral Charge	Tory Hill Pastoral Charge
Frankford-Batawa Pastoral Charge	Trinity Pastoral Charge
Goodwood Pastoral Charge	Warkworth Pastoral Charge
Greenbank-Seagrave Pastoral Charge	Wolfe Island Pastoral Charge
Hastings-Roseneath Pastoral Charge	Wooler Pastoral Charge
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Kendal Pastoral Charge	
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