

3) Reports

a) *Minister's Report (Submitted by Rev'd Alwin Maben)*

"Christ is Risen, He's Risen Indeed." With these words of greetings we welcomed the Easter Morn. To me, the special ecumenical services we had during the Holy Week and Easter, the Zoom time of journeying with the Stations of the Cross and the Book Study, "Dream of God" were of immense value in my own faith journey. I am grateful to all those who journeyed with me and for their contributions through all these activities. While I do honor people's right to practice and participate in what they deem good for them, at the same time I must confess that it bothered me, why only a particular group of people participated in most of these activities and not others. How are we honor each other's tradition and learning from each other to be the Shared Ministry we profess to be, seems still a challenge to me. Yet, one of the positives that emerged out of all these is the hope of having an Ecumenical Worship Service with our neighbours – Presbyterian whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month. I am looking forward to working with them in this regard.

June 21st is National Indigenous Day and the Worship Committee has expressed the desire to have a study with regard to being a reconciling church and with the Remit coming up next February to recognize/ agree to Independent Indigenous church this can be a good study. While we plan to observe June 25th as Indigenous Sunday, although I have received some leads on how to get in touch with the First Nation's Chief to plan for it, I'll be happy to receive more help from those who may know and are in touch with them to plan a meaningful worship Service that can also lead to a deeper understanding and study. It was a touching experience, when I attended a Memorial Service for all those who died due to 'overdose' /drug abuse the Anglican church in Cranbrook which was attended by many First Nations siblings.

As my two years appointment ends in September 2023, and as there can be the possibility of renewal of the appointment /call, I am grateful to the Personnel Relations Committee for discussing it with me and taking the necessary steps forward quite early so as to help me draw pension from December this year.

Our Outreach service at Pines and Garden View Village are going well. With the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, there is the possibility of more people from the church attending these services along with Val Bromley and Thea Hendriksma who have been of great help, with certain protocols followed.

A couple of house visits have been made and I have reached out to many through emails, phone calls, text messages, etc. However, visitations have not materialized.

I have attended most of the Zoom meetings possible with the National Church and Regional Council, as well as the Diocese of Kootenay on Zoom. As a member of the Board of Vocation of the UCC, I along with other colleagues have been engaged in a

Pilot project to match admission candidates with Faith Communities looking for ministers. I was assigned to help one candidate from India, in this process.

I am looking forward to attending and interacting with colleagues at PMRC – AGM in Abbotsford, BC – June 1-4, 2023 and also going to Halifax from there to attend “Revitalizing” a retreat cum study time (June 6-9) as part of my study program. I have also registered for the Diocesan Special Synod meeting on May 27.

I’m quite pleased with the progress happening to our planned celebration of our First year as a Shared ministry along with our century old existence as two different traditions here in Kimberley, and I am looking forward to that celebration on September 2 & 3.

My grateful thanks to all our Council members, members of all sub-committees, and to our faith community, for all your support, care, suggestions and encouragement. May we be the Easter people – the living church we are called to be here in Kimberley.

b) Treasurer’s Report (Submitted by Susan Baker)

April was a good month for our bottom line. Due to five Sundays in the month, plus Easter special gifts, offerings were \$5,667 more than in March. For the first time in 2023 monthly revenue was greater than expenses. At this point it still appears that 2023 will have an operating deficit and that some monies will have to be moved from the operating investment to cover the deficit.

Despite the excess of revenue over expenses the bank balance is still at only \$16,508. If anyone has expenditures of \$5,000 or more coming up, please be sure to let me know as I might need to pull money from the operating investment before paying.

(See attached pdfs: Balance Sheet as of April 30/23, Profit and Loss Jan through April)

Kimberley Shared Ministry Investments report (From Linda Johnson)

Operating Fund Dec. 31, 2022 \$241,930.59

Value on May 5, 2023 \$240,158.02

Legacy Fund Dec. 31, 2022 \$368,025.86

Value on May 5, 2023 \$363,522.51

We are in the process of transferring \$100,000.00 from the Legacy Fund into GIC’s at The Royal Bank, Kimberley, BC.

c) Committee Reports

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Carol Andrews)

- Met on April 18, 2023
- Rev. Alwin will be away June 4 and 11.

- Rev. Alwin approached the Presbyterian congregation to organize a sharing of services when there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
- Comment that we need to be more intentional in our welcoming of visitors - especially during coffee time. Talk to people you don't know.
- Easter services were well attended.
- *The Dream of God* book study went very well. No study material has been decided upon for the fall.
- Question we need to pursue: What does the local indigenous community expect of churches re: reconciliation?
- Next meeting 7:00 pm on May 23, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Gerda Mann, Chair)

Kimberley Shared Ministry email address: there is still no action on new email address, but we continue to work on it.

E-newsletter Recipients: Jim Andrews contacted those people not receiving the e-newsletter. With the exception of Louanne Sanderson, we believe that everyone who subscribed is now receiving the e-newsletter. Louanne has been having trouble with her computer and the problem seems to be at her end. We do not know how to fix this.

The e-newsletter mailing list is not the same as the membership list. It includes people from outside our church who have expressed interest. Last Sunday the following notice was printed in the Sunday Announcements and will be run weekly:

“E-NEWSLETTERS: We produce an e-newsletter approximately every two weeks. Please advise Jim Andrews at jimandcarol@me.com if you would like to subscribe to this e-newsletter. If you have a spam filter, please remember to change the setting so that the newsletter is not deleted or dumped into your spam or trash by mistake.”

Council minutes and corresponding reports will be posted on our website if they are forwarded to Jim Andrews at jimandcarol@me.com. Presumably, this will be the responsibility of the council secretary.

OUTREACH, PASTORAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP REPORT (Submitted by Diana Semenchuk, notes by Barb Streich)

Alwin opened the May 1 meeting with a prayer. Val approved the agenda, seconded by Jill. Val approved the minutes of February 6, seconded by Jackie. PRESENT: Jan, Dianna, Alwin, Jill, Ruth, Carol, Val, Louise, Barb, Lois, Thea, Judy, Jackie. REGRETS: Joy, Donna, Colin. The next meeting will be June 5, 11 am, at the church.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(i) Pancake Shrove Dinner, Mothering Sunday, Easter – All events went very well and were appreciated by all attending. It was mentioned to ensure using Church Vouchers when purchasing several items for these type of events. Linda Johnson also has a church credit card that can be used for large purchases.

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Growing a Caring Congregation – Diana distributed a handout drafted by a committee headed by Val and Alwin. Val has had four volunteers sign up to participate in a “How to Visit” workshop and will be providing another sign up list at Sunday worship services. The plan is in the development stage and copies of the draft are available from the office.

(b) Upcoming Fellowship Events – Mother’s Day – Sunday, May 14. Jan and Diana to purchase 4 dozen carnations to distribute to the women and children at this church service.

Hoop and Holler Savory Action – Sunday, May 28, at coffee time. Linda Johnson will be notified to put this information in the church bulletin/newsletter. The congregation will be encouraged to participate. BRING CASH on that Sunday. An auctioneer will run this event.

Father’s Day – Sunday, June 18. Jill will check out the purchase of chocolate treats (24) to be distributed to the men and children.

Church Picnic – Sunday, June 18. The details of this event will be discussed at our next meeting.

(c) 100 th Celebration – Saturday and Sunday, September 2,3. Louise outlined some of the details planned for this weekend. On Saturday, the public will be invited to tour the displays and enjoy a commemorative cake(s), tea and coffee. This is also a First Saturday in Kimberley, so our celebration will be included in their agenda of events. On Sunday, an old church service is planned with some previous Anglican and United Church ministers being involved. Invitations will be distributed and shut-ins will be arranged to be picked up. Period dress, a special tea with fancy sandwiches and many other ideas were discussed.

(d) Julyfest – Saturday, July 15. Jill will find out where the parade is being marshalled this year. Plans to serve muffins and beverages supported by an interchurch endeavor will be discussed at our next meeting.

An updated list/brochure of churches in Kimberley was suggested.

(e) Fridge, Stove, Dishwasher – The fridge has arrived. Diana will inquire about the dishwasher at Centre 64 which is very similar to the one we would require. Allan S. will look into the downstairs stove being advertised on the FB Buy Nothing Page, or alternatively, being dismantled for salvage.

PERSONNEL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Submitted by Louise Welsh)

We met on April 26 with Rev Alwin Maben, Joy Stephenson, Gerry Semenchuk, Louise Welsh (meeting via zoom) in attendance.

Two main points of discussion:

1. We reviewed the job description for the Ministry position for Kimberley Shared Ministry. (See the updated job description below the report.)

- It was noted that allocation of hours is definitely approximate. The outline was a frame work for discussion of the job activities at this time.
- This outline will be sent on to the Pacific Mountain region and the Kootenay Diocese for any further input that they may wish to add.

2. The committee will send a recommendation to the Council to approve an appointment for Alwin.

- Alwin could not see any difference with call versus appointment and will need this appointment approval as he applies for his pension which starts in December of 2023. (See form needed for Alwin's reappointment, attached as a separate pdf)
- The committee also recommends that the Council have a congregational meeting (possible in June) to include the congregation in the approval to renew Alwin's appointment. While this is not required, it would provide an opportunity for the whole congregation to be involved in the process.

Alwin will be away for the Pacific Mountain Regional meeting in June and then travel to Halifax for a workshop on Revitalizing Ministry as part of his Continuing Education allocation. He will be away May 31 to June 13.

Alwin has no plans for taking holidays this summer.

Kimberley Shared Ministry – Clergy/minister job description 2023

This is a full time position.

Accountable to: The Kimberley Shared Ministry Council and the Personnel Relations committee.

The United Church of Canada and the Office of Vocation are responsible for oversight and discipline.

A relationship of support, collegiality and covenant will be maintained with the Pacific Mountain Region and the Bishop of the Kootenay Anglican Diocese.

Expectations of clergy including rough time allocation:

Leadership (5 hours)

- Encourage Kimberley Shared Ministry in outreach and ecumenical worship opportunities.
- Work together with Council and the congregation to develop meaningful opportunities for spiritual development for all.

- The minister will coach, mentor and support lay leaders to understand their role and responsibilities in leading the church in growth.

Worship (15 hours)

- Worship services – on Sundays and other days of the calendar year as necessary.
- Work with the worship committee and music committee to identify and propose opportunities for innovative worship as well as traditional services.
- Worship services at the Kimberley Special Care home once a month.
- Worship service at Garden View once a month.

Administration: (5 hours)

- -Work with secretary and Council to ensure coordination of activities and programs of Kimberley Shared Ministry
- Community Outreach and Social Justice (2 hours)
- Promote social interaction with the community at large.
- Actively participate in and provide leadership in joint activities with other local churches.

Denomination and Communities (4 hours)

- Actively involved in the life of the Kootenay Diocese, Pacific Mountain Region and/or the General Council.
- Maintain contacts with the United Church, Pacific Mountain region and the Kootenay Anglican Diocese.
- Ensure that communication between wider church, local church activities and the congregation is continued.

Faith Formation and Christian Education (3 hours)

- The minister will develop programs, studies and opportunities for person of all ages and stages to explore and grow in their relationship with God.
- The minister will provide support and training for lay leaders (for study groups, worship services, and pastoral care) as needed.

Pastoral Care (5 hours)

- Review pastoral care needs of the congregation and community and coordinate with the pastoral care ministry to meet those needs.
- Provide counselling in marriage preparation, baptisms and funerals.
- Visitation of the sick and home bound and hospital visitations.

Annual Continuing Education- (3 weeks per year)

- Work with the Personnel Relations committee and the Council to identify individual training plans and needs for annual learning.
- Be familiar with new resources and opportunities for achieving shared ecumenical ministry objectives.

Self care

- Take annual leave and regular weekly day off.
- Balance the demands of the pastoral charge with personal needs.

PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (Submitted by Terry Thompson, Chair)

- We have begun work with the Insurance claim re snow damage to the Bullis's house.
- Big Image is working on the 4 x 8 new Sign for the Church.
- Handicap Ramp and Bell Tower are under design and Planning stage.
- Handicap parking space is under review.
- Small water leak in lower hall has been repaired.
- A 'new to us' fridge has been donated and has been placed in the upper hall.
- Spring clean-up and lawn care date to be announced.
- The new clause in the Rental contract is as follows: "All rental/lease agreements shall be subject to review within the first 6 months of signing. If any changes are recognized, then change shall be reflected in the month following the review."
- It has been suggested that all requests, problems or projects be reported to the Church secretary who will forward the problem, etc. to the property committee for appropriate Action. (Up for discussion by Council members)

RE: NEW BUSINESS item b Special Session of Synod - "Highlights" sent from KSM

Background: A Zoom "Special Session of Diocesan Synod" will be held on Saturday, 27 May -- 10 to 5 (MT). Our delegates (Judy Peterson, Elaine Pickles, Rev'd Alwin Maben) will be in attendance.

The Diocese is celebrating 120 years since it was officially incorporated by the Province of BC. To help celebrate, delegates were asked to send along "3 highlights that have happened in the parish and/or region thanks to God working through us individually and collectively (from the last 120 years)."

Here is what was submitted:

May 2023-Report to Synod -

A Brief report of the history of All Saints Church, now known as Kimberley Shared Ministry

The Anglican presence has been in the Kimberley since 1915 in the community of Wycliffe, the original townsite of the area. Apparently, a church was built on the lands owned by the Otis Lumber Company but no records exist that services were actually held in this building. Over the next 10 years there seems to be evidence of groups of faith-minded people meeting in homes, and eventually in a hall in Kimberley. In 1925, June, land was purchased and construction of a

church began. The building was consecrated November 1925 and the first incumbent priest served the congregation of 200 people. The Anglican congregation remained in this location until 2022.

With declining membership and finances difficult to maintain the church buildings and unable to support full time ministry, conversations began regarding entering into a shared ministry with the Kimberley United Church in 2019, to become and promote a worshipping community in Kimberley. During the period of Covid, eight members, four from each church, maintained talks and preparation using the zoom meeting concept. By the spring of 2022 decisions had been made, and the agreement was in place and approved by both congregations.

Three final services were held, when gatherings could be held:

- April 25, 2022, Archbishop McNaughton conducted a Grieving service which provided members with the optimistic outlook for the future.
- July 17, 2022 a service was held, honoring our last incumbent, Yme Woensdregt, as Covid
- restrictions had prevented a suitable acknowledgment of service to the parish and his retirement. We shared a final Eucharist in the church.
- October 5, 2022: The church was deconsecrated by Bishop Lynne and a Covenanting Service, held in the building of the United Church and the welcoming of Rev Alwin Maben, officially. The name Kimberley Shared Ministry has been selected.

God is with us now, guiding us spiritually through book studies, zoom gatherings during Advent and Lent, and services each Sunday. Services are being streamed, which provides contact for people in their homes. The congregation celebrates the Eucharist once a month. Coffee time following the morning service has been re-established and is well received with social time, and developing of friendships and shared ideas. Outreach to the Senior Home, Gardenview and the Extended Care facilities are provided with a monthly service midweek.

God's presence works greatly. People are vital to the growth of the Shared Ministry and the visibility in Kimberley. Our social adaptation to change and interaction socially is obvious. Caring for each other and being aware of people's needs, emotionally and spiritually will become a priority as we move forward in this ministry.