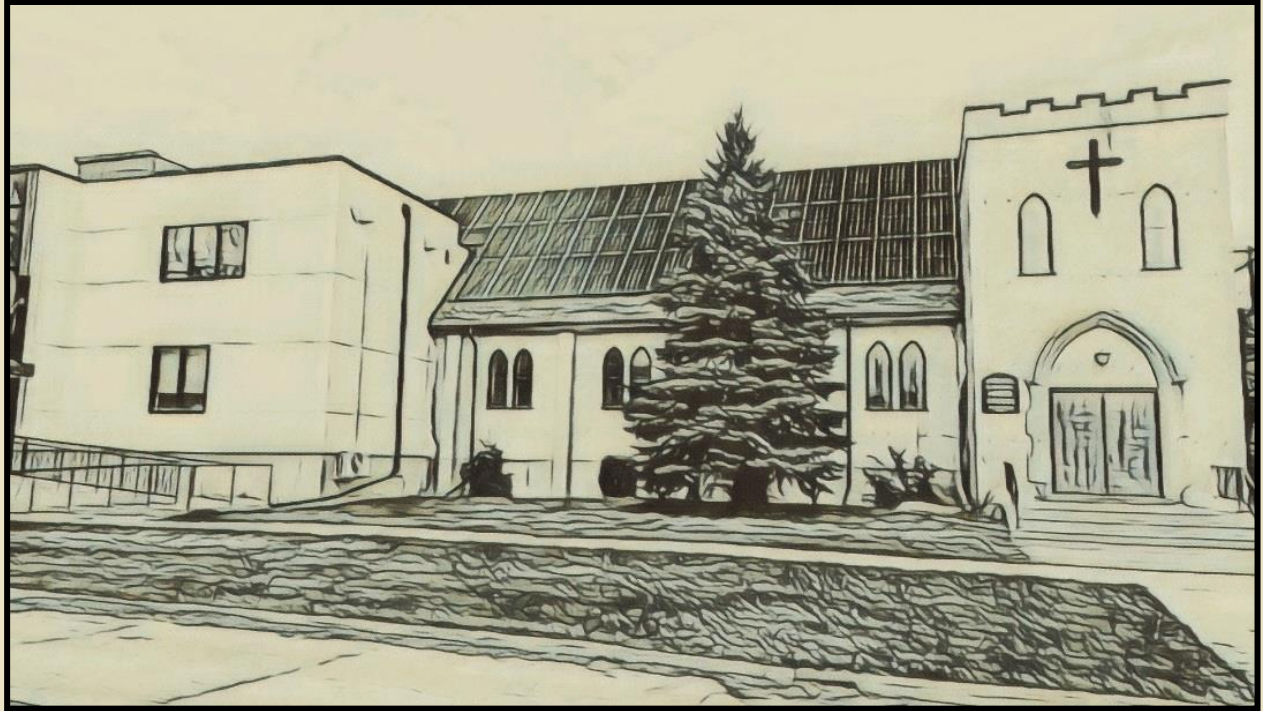


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2023 Annual Report



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Our Mission

As a Church, we seek justice, foster and nurture growth by teaching, worshipping, through music, sharing and being welcoming to all. We value and share our gifts, protect the earth and walk humbly with our God.

Our Vision

TMUC is an evolving, welcoming, and sharing community church with a community presence. We celebrate the diversity of God's image present in all people. We embrace the diversity of abilities, age, appearances, family configurations, gender identities, gifts, life experiences, races, sexual orientations, and talents. We welcome the full participation of people, in all of their diversity, in the whole life and work of the congregation. In Christ's name we share God's love as people of varying economic, educational, and physical situations. We remain open to God's spirit deepening our faith and our love.



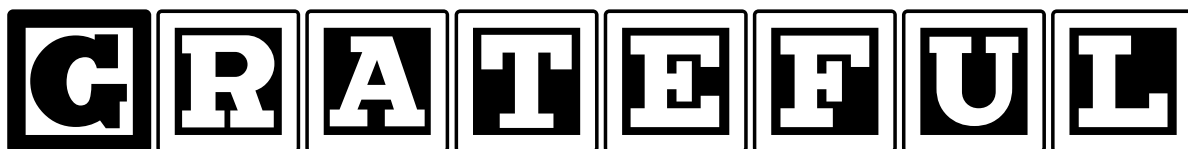
2023 Annual Report of Rob Reed, Diaconal Minister

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I alone know my purpose for you, says YHWH, my purpose for your prosperity and my purpose not to harm you, my purpose to give you hope with a future in it.

(Jeremiah 29:11 Inclusive Bible Version)



After requesting a change of pastoral relations with the communities of faith that I had been serving for 16 years, people often asked about the process for finding another church to minister with. I know, from my experience, that processes within the United Church of Canada often seem strange to people who are not immersed in the polity of our denomination, so I borrowed a secular metaphor to help explain the process – I said that finding another church was very much like online dating (Not that I have any experience of online dating!). Ministers looking to be somewhere new review profiles on a website of available churches. And churches looking for someone new review profiles on a website of available ministers. If either sees something that intrigues them, they reach out.

I will admit that I read and re-read Transcona Memorial United Church's profile a number of times, before reaching out. When I did reach out, my first formal contact with this community of faith was with Audrey Lumsden – the leader of your search team. As the process unfolded, I met the other members of the search team – Joy Chand, Kevin Drennan, and Nello Altomare – and we had a couple conversations over ZOOM. We shared some stories with each other, we did a little more digging into each other's pasts, and we liked enough of what we saw and heard to begin a formal relationship with one another – TMUC offered a call, and I accepted it.

Sometimes, it seems like only yesterday that I was handed my keys and the security code for the building from Lynn Measner, and I hauled my stuff into the red office at the end of the hall. And sometimes, I am amazed at how much has happened in the six months I have been here. I will not deny that my learning curve was steep, but I would not say it has been unmanageable. And, I expect that your learning curve has been similarly steep, and I wonder, how are you managing?

Change and transition are regularly challenging to navigate. Different people, different ideas, different ways of doing things often encounter a broad spectrum of responses that range from some people appreciating and welcoming change to others who resist and avoid change, and every imaginable point in between. From the perspective of my intentional interim ministry training, I recognize the value of change, if not its constant presence. Growth occurs because of change. Innovation is the product of change. Potential is realized in change. Change and transition are integral parts of our story – previously, today, and tomorrow.

And we have encountered some change during the last half of 2023 – some more pronounced, and others quite nuanced. Things changed in the clergy dynamic and personality at TMUC. Things changed with and in worship at TMUC. Things changed in and about the TMUC Teams who provide leadership and guidance for our community of faith. Things change

in and to our building. And within these changes we catch glimpses of our church as a living organism – a part of the Body of Christ – adapting and evolving to meet and engage the world within and just outside our door, as well as far, far beyond the Transcona neighbourhood.

And I expect (Actually, I'm quite confident!) that the changes are not complete – we are not done changing, and neither is God finished with transforming us.

In my very first *Reflections & Ponderings* from the TMUC pulpit I offered these words:

I made a promise to myself, early on in my process of seeking a new call to ministry. I have remembered it and reflected on it throughout the process of applying to congregations, receiving invitations to apply to congregations, and during interviews with search teams. I also reflected on and pondered this promise during my holidays, before officially arriving in the TMUC office this past Tuesday morning. And that promise – a two-fold promise as I embark upon a new call – is first, to be myself, and second, accept the opportunities that emerge along the way, to grow. (R. A. Reed, August 6, 2023)

So far, I think I have honored both aspects of this promise – they have continued to accompany and motivate me throughout my first six months of ministry here. They are foundational to the goals I set for my ministry with the TMUC community of faith.

In closing, I want to share these thoughts: As I anticipated writing this report, the first word that popped into my head was *gratitude*. I am so grateful to be serving this community of faith. I am so grateful to be ministering with the people of TMUC. I am grateful for the faithful volunteers who make up the various teams at TMUC. I am grateful for the challenges and the support. The handshakes and the hugs. The laughter. The love. The anticipation and the hope that I experience here.

Thank you for the privilege of ministering with the Transcona Memorial United Church Community of Faith.

Blessings,
Rob.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Audrey Lumsden	Past Chair
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk	Chair
Marcel Van Eerd	Chair Elect
Susan Copeland	Secretary
Don Heinrichs	Treasurer
VACANT	Youth Member-at-Large
Carol Fletcher and Jeff Cook	Ministers (Jan – June)
Rev. Rob Reed	Minister (Aug – Dec)
VACANT	Learning Team Representative (not operating July-Dec)
Susan Sebastian	Outreach Team Representative
Cathie Morgan Matula	Worship and Welcome Team Representative
Cynthia Ostapyk	Administration & Sharing Team Representative
Bob Kirkhope	Building and Property Team Representative (Jan – Oct)
Cheryl Thomas	Building and Property Team Representative (Nov – Dec)
Karen Ilchena	Ministry and Personnel Team Representative
Alan Gershuny	Prairie to Pine Region Representative
Alma Jennings	UCW Representative
Ken Wilkie	Board of Trustees Representative



TEAM MEMBERS

LEARNING TEAM Sylvia Jansen (Jan – Jun) Deanna Howard (Jan – Jun) Youth Point Person - Vacant Team not operating (Jul – Dec)	OUTREACH TEAM Susan Sebastian Shirley Bird Holly Hill Alan Gershuny Vicky Low Amy Wood	WORSHIP & WELCOME TEAM Crystal Schau (staff) Dan Trochim (resigned 09/23) Susan Bywater Laura Fraser-Schau Cathie Morgan Matula Cheryl Hadaller (Dec) Kathy Rempel (resigned Feb)
ADMINISTRATION & SHARING TEAM Donna Hadaller Devan Ostapyk Cynthia Ostapyk Barb Heinrichs Chris Richard Adrian Measner Don Heinrichs, Treasurer Jim Lewis (corresponding member)	BUILDING & PROPERTY TEAM Cheryl Thomas Terry Cousins (resigned 11-23) Bob Kirkhope Marcel Van Eerd Stephen McKendry-Smith Blaine Rougeau (resigned 11/23) John Fraser Andrew Fletcher-Cook (Nov) Mike Thomas (Nov) Gail Purcell (corresponding member)	MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TEAM Karen Ilchena Vivien Laurie Sheilah Ross-Campbell
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Ken Wilkie David George (resigned 11-12) Wally Stoyko Cynthia Ostapyk Jim Lewis Gail Purcell Patty Parsons (Nov) Rev Carol Fletcher (Jan – Jun) Rev. Rob Reed (Aug – Dec)	UNITED CHURCH WOMEN Cathie Morgan Matula Susan Copeland Mary Thiessen Alma Jennings (Rep to Council)	REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE Alan Gershuny

ROLL OF HONORARY ELDERS

*We celebrate the ministry shared with this congregation by those named by the
TMUC Council as Honorary Elders.
They have shared and continue to share many gifts with us.*

<i>Barrie Brooks</i>	<i>Iris Collett</i>	<i>Harry Craig</i>
<i>Trudy Darichuk</i>	<i>Joan Davidson</i>	<i>Laurence Desautels</i>
<i>Darrell Fierheller</i>	<i>Margaret Fierheller</i>	<i>Peter Frejuk</i>
<i>Joan Garner</i>	<i>Pearl Greenaway</i>	<i>Errol Hendricks</i>
<i>Alma Jennings</i>	<i>Len Kancer</i>	<i>Carol Kirkhope</i>
<i>Gorma MacDonald</i>	<i>Joan Merrick</i>	<i>Lionel Merrick (deceased)</i>
<i>Beth Newell</i>	<i>Dorothy Ross</i>	<i>Bonnie Scott</i>
<i>Merlin Shoesmith</i>	<i>Wally Stoyko</i>	<i>Ben Thiessen</i>
<i>Mary Thiessen</i>	<i>Ken Wilkie</i>	<i>Ken Young</i>



TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
70TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2023

1. Call to Order

The 70th Annual Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 following the church service. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 11:20 am.

There were 50 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Cathie Morgan Matula, Audrey Lumsden, Dorothy Fife, Sheila Reid, Kathy Trylinski, Bonnie Scott, Karen Ilchena, Alan Gershuny, Linda Sidorow, Anne Hruda, Dennis Hruda, Marie Day, Heather Todd, Iris Collett, Nancy Drewniak, Donna Hadaller, Barb Kehler, Mary Price, Norma Hinds, Jim Lewis, Lynne Kancer, Rev. Judy Hare, Vicky Low, Sheilah Ross-Campbell, Carol Favoni, Ken Willkie, David George, Joyce Nykoluk, Pat Bain, Sylvia Jansen, Brenda LeBeau, Gail Purcell, Pam Smith, Adrian Measner, Doug Copeland, Andrew Fletcher-Cook, Tina Van Eerd, Marcel Van Eerd, Joan Buckingham, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Laurie Chudley, Cathy Drennan, Kevin Drennan, Crystal Schau, Mave Dickson, Terry Cousins, Alma Jennings, Joy Chand, Susan Copeland. Also in attendance were Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook.

Regrets: Linda Antymis

2. Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Donna Hadaller/Ken Wilkie, **“That Susan Copeland be appointed the secretary for this annual meeting.”** **CARRIED.**

3. Speaking and Voting Privileges

MOTION: Moved by Anne Hruda/Alan Gershuny, **“That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges at this 70th Annual Meeting.”** **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Brenda LeBeau/Karen Ilchena, **“That the minutes of the 69th Annual Congregational Meeting dated Sunday, March 5, 2023 be approved as circulated.”** **CARRIED.**

MOTION: Moved by Audrey Lumsden/Terry Cousins, “That the minutes of the Congregational Meeting dated May 8, 2023 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED.

MOTION: Moved by Karen Ilchena/Brenda LeBeau, “That the minutes of the Congregational Meeting dated November 12, 2023 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

5. In Memoriam

The In Memoriam list on page 16 of the Annual Report was read by Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook during the service that preceded the Annual Meeting.

6. Celebration of 2023

The Annual Report included reports from Ministers, Roll of Elders, Trustees, Council and Teams and the accomplishments of church groups and TMUC in the community for 2022. Two corrections were noted. On page 48, under Christmas Hampers, Heather Todd also helped with the knitted items and on page 3, Michelle Lamoureux was the Learning Team representative to Council.

Breanna Drennan-Bilyk thanked all those who prepared reports and Lynn Measner for preparing the Annual Report.

7. Old Business

Green Plan - A PowerPoint presentation was used. Stephen McKendry-Smith noted that the Green Plan is part of the Environmental Policy. Work has been completed on the new shingles, insulation of the sanctuary roof and new furnaces and heat pumps in Yale Hall. Other work includes solar panels on sanctuary roof, furnaces and heat pumps in Suthwyn Hall, insulation of sanctuary walls, ceiling fans for sanctuary and Yale Hall and insulation of CE roof. We have received funding from the United Church Faithful Footprints program, Efficiency Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and have been tentatively approved for a \$480,000 grant from the Federal Government. We have also applied for a \$55,000 grant from the provincial government.

Stephen McKendry-Smith outlined the type of fans that would be used in the sanctuary and in Yale Hall. In order to insulate the sanctuary walls, the stucco will be removed and new stucco applied. With the solar panels and new stucco, the building will look a bit different. Brennen Bilyk prepared renderings which showed a darker stucco for the centre of the sanctuary and lighter stucco to tie in with the CE building at the east part of the sanctuary and a different colour around the entrance. With the solar panels we can sell excess power back to Manitoba Hydro. A question was raised about insurance for the solar panels. It was noted that the roof was inspected and can hold the panels and

snow. We will check on the insurance. It was also noted that the federal government grant covers any expenses from 2021 onward.

Brennen Bilyk was thanked for preparing the renderings and Stephen McKendry-Smith was thanked for all his work on the project.

MOTION: Moved by Bonnie Scott/Andrew Fletcher-Cook, **"That the congregation approve the next steps of our Green Plan recognizing that there will be esthetic changes to the interior and exterior of the building."** **CARRIED.**

8. New Business

CITAC – Kathy Antymis advised that the Dinner Theatre would be held again this year after Covid cancellations. The play "Borrowed Time" will be held April 20-23, 2023. Volunteers are needed and sign-up sheets have been posted. Reference letters will be provided for any young people who volunteer.

Building Fund Terms of Reference – Carol Fletcher reviewed the revised Terms of Reference for the Building Fund printed on page 24 of the annual report.

MOTION: Moved by Gail Purcell/Ken Wilkie, **"That we accept the updated Terms of Reference for the Building Fund."** **CARRIED.**

Security System Updates – Marcel Van Eerd advised that with more people using the building the security system must be kept up-to-date. With the alarm system it is hard to find parts to fix. The card access system should also be improved. Cost could be over \$12,000 but if we receive the grant from the Manitoba Government it would cover half the cost.

MOTION: Moved by Donna Hadaller/Barb Kehler, **"That the security system upgrade be a project of the Building Fund."** **CARRIED.**

Search Team Update – Audrey Lumsden noted that the Search Committee is comprised of Nello Altomare, Joy Chand, Kevin Drennan and herself with Rev. Mary Best as the Region Liaison. They have received lots of applications from overseas. Two interviews have been held to date. She thanked those that prepared the Church Profile and Lynn Measner for downloading the Profile into Church Hub. She also asked that we continue to keep the Committee in our prayers.

9. Financial Results for 2022

Adrian Measner advised that the General Fund finished the year with a deficit of \$2,084 compared to the \$48,000 deficit anticipated in last year's budget. The finances were helped by the Food Bank having a good year, some changes to the holiday account, funeral and rental income and the reduction in administrative staff expenses of \$20,500. The Building Fund shows a deficit of \$55,000 as some of the Green Project items have been done that will be covered by the grants when they are received. The Ministry Fund

remains at \$2,454. The Exchange Group completed the review of the finances and confirmed the results.

10. Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: Moved by Adrian Measner/Jim Lewis, “**That the Exchange Group be retained as auditors for the 2023 fiscal year.**” **CARRIED.**

11. Approval of Proposed 2023 Budget

Adrian Measner advised that there are now more on-line givings than through envelopes. The Budget calls for a deficit of \$8,025. They anticipate 1.5 ministers to June 30 and one minister for rest of year and that the office administrator, currently on disability, will return on July 1. They have included Dinner Theatre revenue, salary increases of 3.2%, a cost-of-living group increase and \$8,000 for moving expenses for new minister.

The Building Fund includes projects under the Green Plan. There is \$20,000 for audio visual equipment for the sanctuary and Yale Hall. We will have discussions with the new minister on the requirements for this. There is also \$1,000 for a drop ceiling in the 4th floor office space.

MOTION: Moved by Terry Cousins/Don Heinrichs, “**That the Proposed Budget for 2023 be approved (pages 54/55).**” **CARRIED.**

MOTION: Moved by Audrey Lumsden/Sylvia Jansen, “**That we receive all reports as printed in the Annual Report (to page 51).**” **CARRIED.**

MOTION: Moved by Terry Cousins/Donna Hadaller, “**That the Financial Statements for 2022 be accepted (pages 52/53).**” **CARRIED.**

12. Review of Five-Year Plan

Breanna Drennan-Bilyk advised the congregation that Council has prepared a five-year financial plan. Council will be able to keep a close eye on the financial situation over the years with this plan.

13. Nominations

Audrey Lumsden thanked all those serving on a Team. Patty Parsons has been nominated to serve on the Learning Team and Alan Gershuny has been nominated to serve as the Prairie to Pine representative. There were no nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Moved by Audrey Lumsden/Gail Purcell, “**That the nominations as presented be accepted – Patty Parsons to Learning Team and Alan Gershuny as Prairie to Pine representative.**” **CARRIED.**

A cake auction was held during the meeting. The results were announced and over \$750 was raised for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief.

Thanks were expressed to Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Audrey Lumsden and Susan Copeland for the meeting.

14. Motion to Adjourn: by Anne Hruda/Crystal Schau, at 12:25 pm.

15. Closing Benediction: Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook

Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MAY 8, 2023**

A Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held in the sanctuary on May 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: There were 82 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Audrey Lumsden, Karen Ilchena, Nello Altomare, Terry Cousins, Laura Fraser-Schau, John Fraser, Mary Price, Heather Todd, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Paul Ilchena, Kathy Trylinski, Gail Purcell, Don Heinrichs, Carol Favoni, Hannah Cole, Dorothy Fife, Sheila Reid, Carl Berger, Brenda Berger, Ramneet Mavi, John Chand, Shelly Chand, Cathy Drennan, Kevin Drennan, Colleen Thompson, Joy Chand, Cheryl Thomas, Lorraine Walton, Bernice Middlestead, Lori Plischke, Pam Smith, Shirley Stovin, Vicky Low, Douglas Copeland, Marion Weightman, Anne Cooke, Shelley Schau, Carol Kirkhope, Andrew Fletcher-Cook, Alan Gershuny, Marcel Van Eerd, Blaine Rougeau, Brenda Wood, Ewen Wood. Ken Wilkie, Roy Bergson, Carol Bergson, Norma Hinds, Ted Firman, Cheryl Hadaller, Brenda LeBeau, Bob Kirkhope, Alma Jennings, Linda Antymis, Cathie Morgan Matula, Cindy Ostapyk, Holly Hill, Barb Kehler, Sheilah Ross-Campbell, Jim Lewis, Patty Parsons, Anne Hruda, Dennis Hruda, Bonnie Scott, Mave Dickson, Barb Korb, Brian Anema, Debbie Billan, Laurie Chudley, Susan Copeland. By Zoom, Donna McDonald, Linda Sidorow, Adrian Measner, Lynn Measner, Sandra Scrymgeour, Linda Boyd, Kyla Drennan, Sherrill Greenaway, Doreen Bissett, Brent Collett, Gerry Miller. Also in attendance was Rev. Mary Best.

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OPENING PRAYER: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk

RECORDING SECRETARY APPOINTMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Terry Cousins/Brenda LeBeau, **“That Susan Copeland be appointed recording secretary for this congregational meeting.”** **CARRIED.**

SPEAKING AND VOTING PRIVILEGES:

MOTION: Moved by Karen Ilchena/Laura Fraser-Schau, **“That adherents in attendance have speaking and voting privileges at this Monday, May 8, 2023 congregational meeting.”** **CARRIED.**

INTRODUCTION OF REVEREND MARY BEST:

Reverend Mary Best, Chair, Pastoral Relations Commission, Prairie to Pine Region of the United Church of Canada, and Liaison for the TMUC Search Committee, was introduced by Breanna Drennan-Bilyk.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE TMUC SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Rev. Mary Best thanked the Search Committee for its work and noted the difficulty as there were many vacancies in Winnipeg.

The Search Committee was composed of Nello Altomare, Joy Chand, Kevin Drennan and Audrey Lumsden. Audrey Lumsden provided details on the search and the candidate they were presenting. Questions raised included the difference between Ordained and Diaconal Ministers, details regarding salary and office administrator hours.

MOTION: Moved by Joy Chand/Nello Altomare,

“That the congregation of Transcona Memorial United Church approve the call of Robert Reed, Diaconal Minister to a full-time ministry position, effective July 1, 2023 according to the following terms:

- 1. Salary Category F COL4 \$70,917.00
Additional salary above minimum 15% (\$10,637 in 2023)
Total Salary - \$81,554 per year;**

2. Telephone/internet - \$720.00 per year;
3. Continuing Education - \$1,543.00 per year;
4. A minimum of three weeks (21 days) of study leave within each pastoral year, including Sundays;
5. For members of the Order of Ministry and recognized designated lay ministers, a minimum of three months of sabbatical leave after five consecutive years of service to the pastoral charge/ministry unit;
6. A minimum of one month of vacation (including five Sundays) within each pastoral year;
7. Moving expenses, based on reasonable estimates – up to \$8,000.00 and to share costs equally with North Kildonan United Church;
8. Adequate administrative assistance defined as paid staff for 22 hours per week;
9. Travel expense reimbursement, based on *Minimum Salaries and Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel* document;
10. Employer costs for Pension and Benefits, as noted in the Premiums and Taxable Benefit Calculator;
11. Other; a laptop computer will be supplied, the copyright interest, either economic or moral, in any work, created by the Minister during their term of appointment/call to Transcona Memorial United Church shall remain with the Author or Authors of the work.

With remuneration provided by the pastoral charge through the Pastoral Charge Payroll Service (ADP)# J3AE unless the General Council Office has granted a formal exemption.” **CARRIED.**

Rev. Mary Best noted that the Search Committee has paperwork to complete with Robert Reed and the Regional Pastoral Relations Commission and then to arrange a Covenanting Service in the fall. She thanked the Committee members for their work.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Bob Kirkhope/Dorothy Fife, at 7:30 pm.

BENEDICTION: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk

Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)

TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2023

A Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held in the sanctuary on November 12, 2023 following the service. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 10:55 am.

PRESENT: There were 63 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Jim Lewis, Marie Day, Cheryl Hadaller, Jim Hadaller, Alan Gershuny, Kevin Drennan, Cathy Drennan, Brenda LeBeau, Brenda Wood, Ewan Wood, Pat Bain, Dorothy Fife, Mary Price, Leona Mayer, Don Heinrichs, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Lynn Measner, Adrian Measner, Sharon Jensen, Ted Firman, Margaret Craig, Harry Craig, Vicky Low, Pam Smith, Shirley Stovin, Linda Boyd, Doreen Bissett, Joyce Nykoluk, Mary Thiessen, Norma Hinds, Laurie Desautels, Susan Marohn, Sandra Scrymgeour, Marion Weightman, Doug Copeland, Donna Hadaller, Kathy Trylinski, Cathie Morgan Matula, Peggy Watts, Darryl Ostapyk, Louise Harlow, Ann Cooke, Laurie Chudley, Bernice Middlestead, Linda Sidorow, Murray Sidorow, Ken Wilkie, Carol Favoni, Elaine Drewry, Terry Cousins, Heather Todd, Anne Hruda, Carole Young, Ken Young, Karen Ilchena, Bob Kirkhope, Carol Kirkhope, Bonnie Scott, Mave Dickson, Cynthia Ostapyk, Crystal Schau, Susan Copeland. Also present was Rev. Rob Reed.

REGRETS: Audrey Lumsden, Marcel Van Eerd, Tina Van Eerd

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk thanked Rev. Rob Reed and the congregation who read the Acknowledgement during the worship service.

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

MOTION: Moved by Terry Cousins/Ken Wilkie, **"That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges."** **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

CITAC: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk reported that the Dinner Theatre will be presenting "Foibles and Folly" from May 2-5, 2024. They now have a director but are in need of two actors.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Cindy Ostapyk advised that we were looking at a deficit of \$20,000 but we finished the month of October with a surplus of \$7,900, making the deficit at the end of October \$12,700. She thanked everyone for their financial commitment. Stewardship Campaign information went out this past week by mail and e-mail.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN UPDATE: Stephen McKendry-Smith advised that the stucco will not be applied until spring. Insulation is being installed to help with heating the sanctuary. The cost of the project is about \$675,000 and we will be providing about \$31,000 from the Building Fund. The solar panels are being looked at as they are not generating the power that they should be providing. We received a grant from Efficiency Manitoba and they would like to highlight our project as would the solar panel installers. The community newspaper would also like to do an article. The seven furnaces have been replaced with four heat pumps backed up by 98% efficient gas furnaces.

REMIT: Rob Reed advised the congregation that there is a Remit before the church on Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the United Church. Council will be voting on the Remit but information will be provided to the congregation, probably after Christmas. The deadline for voting is at the end of March 2024.

NOMINATIONS: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk advised that a letter of resignation has been received from David George. We have nominations to the Trustees and Worship and Welcome Team. She also advised that there are several openings on Teams to be filled in the new year.

MOTION: Moved by Dorothy Fife/Cindy Ostapyk, **"That Transcona Memorial United Church accept the resignation of David George from the Trustees."** **CARRIED.**

MOTION: Moved by Bonnie Scott/Brenda LeBeau, **"That Transcona Memorial United Church accept the nomination of Patty Parsons as a Trustee."** **CARRIED.**

MOTION: Moved by Karen Ilchena/Anne Hruda, **"That Transcona Memorial United Church accept the nomination of Cheryl Hadaller to the Worship & Welcome Team."** **CARRIED.**

Bob Kirkhope advised that there are two new members for the Building and Property Team.

MOTION: Moved by Donna Hadaller/Bob Kirkhope, **"That Transcona Memorial United Church accept the nominations of Mike Thomas and Andrew Fletcher-Cook to the Building and Property Team."** **CARRIED.**

Bob Kirkhope also advised that Blaine Rougeau and Terry Cousins are resigning from the Building and Property Team and we thank them for their years of service.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Pat Bain/Crystal Schau, at 11:10 am.

Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)

IN MEMORIAM

***Jesus said:...I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.***

Tana "Elaine" Mary Trochim

Richard James Hughes

Albert Arthur Doucette

Eileen Ruth Ellen Chanowski

Ernest Lionel Merrick

Elaine Jeannette (Frosk) Juniper

Daniel Sean Augusta

Harry Darichuk (2020)

Robert William Buchanan

John Burik

David Brown

Catherine Romas

Barbara-Ann Mary Lindsay

Lillian Selina Gertrude Shewchuk

Lyle Edward Corbet

Isobelle H. Coldwell

Joyce Cumming

Lynn Patricia Fraser

Gordon Gooding

Anne Gooding

Stella Sciberras

Nancy Silk



2023 TMUC STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership as of December 31, 2022 614

Received by Transfer 1

Received by Confirmation 1

Removed by Death 5

*Tana Elaine Mary Trochim, Ernest Lionel Merrick, Robert William Buchanan,
Nancy Lee Silk, David Brown*

Removed by Transfer 0

Removed by Act of Session 0

Membership as of December 31, 2023 611

Number of Child Baptisms 5

*Oliver Niels Allan Rayner, Rose Roma Magne, Jack Allen Goold,
Loryn Ann Layne Goold, Lance Ernest Devin Cayer*

Number of Youth Baptisms 0

Number of Adult Baptisms 0

Number of Marriages 3

*Mehrangiz Ashiri and Jeffrey Kenneth Winkler,
Shandy Leigh Massner and Troy Andrew Spearman
Tracey Michelle Eiers and Jeffrey Reginald Joseph Harling*

Number of Funerals 15

*Tana Elaine Mary Trochim, Richard James Hughes, Albert Arthur Doucette,
Eileen Ruth Ellen Chanowski, Ernest Lionel Merrick, Elaine Jeanette Juniper,
Daniel Sean Augusta, Robert William Buchanan, Harry Darichuk, John Burik, David
Brown, Catherine Romas, Barbara-Ann Mary Lindsay,
Lillian Selina Gertrude Shewchuk, Lyle Edward Corbet*

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Measner for the Worship & Welcome Team Historical Roll

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Sending greetings and blessings to you and yours always.

The purpose of this annual report is to provide historical context of the year that was...and what a year 2023 was! Many of the groups who make up the community of Transcona Memorial United church have submitted reports compiling their own highlights, so I will only touch on a few items that made for an extra special year.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the retirement party planning for Carol Fletcher & Jeff Cook. I know I speak for so many when I say that it was a superb evening full of love and care and memories of thirty-five years of ministering. Thank you to all who attended and shared in the evening. I'm pleased to report that their retirement bench gift is now permanently placed on the Transcona Trail (Northwest side of Plessis Rd, near the library). On behalf of all the congregation, I would like to extend a further very happy retirement to both of them.

Special thanks to the Search Team, composed of Nello Altomare, Joy Chand, Kevin Drennan and Audrey Lumsden who were hard at work in late 2022 and 2023 in pursuit of a new minister. There was a lot of behind the scenes work going on with the Search Team that led us to be able to have a congregational meeting in May of 2023 to approve their recommendations. Their recommendation allowed us to welcome Diaconal Minister Rob Reed to full time ministry at TMUC in August of 2023.

Welcoming Rob to Transcona Memorial has been nothing short of a blessing. He has met us where we're at, encouraged us to continue to be the supportive community that we have always been, pushed us to try new things and led us faithfully for the last six months. I look forward to our first Lenten journey with you, Rob and I hope you feel as blessed as we do.

I have not been able to be at as many Sunday services as I'd like this year, the veteran parents of the congregation tell me I'm "in the thick of it" right now, but I remain committed to my role as Chairperson and invite you to reach out to any of the members of Council if you have any questions or concerns. It has truly been my pleasure to have served the church as Chairperson again in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, she/her

ADMINISTRATION AND SHARING TEAM

It has been another year of transition and change at Transcona Memorial, but as always, you have demonstrated that you are up for the task. A big thank you for your continued financial support and the contributions of time and talent that underly our success as a congregation.

Stewardship: Updates were provided to the congregation throughout the year to ensure that we together are aware of the challenges and successes related to on-going general operations. We were pleased to run our first post-pandemic Stewardship campaign this year in November were very encouraged with the support that was received then, and throughout the year. The campaign reminded us that we all can “Make a Difference” in the life and work of the church.

Financial Results: As in prior years, The Exchange Group was engaged this year to perform the financial review. This is targeted to be completed in February 2024 and the statements have been included in this report. We ended the year with a \$15,062 surplus in the General Fund. However, it is important to note that this figure is impacted by two adjustments - one for the ministerial staff holiday accrual and the second for positive Food Bank results. Neither of these items benefit our overall position, and if removed, the General Fund had a small deficit of (\$724) at the end of the year.

Our results this year were strengthened through various individual projects that included a plant fund-raiser, a metal drive, trivia night and the wonderful return of dinner theater. They also reflect the move to one minister, and savings due to the lack of paid administrative staff for most of the year.

As we look towards 2024, we will need to continue to closely monitor our donations, fundraising results and costs to ensure that we remain viable in the long term.

Rental Contracts: The second year of our two-year contracts were in place with Children’s Choice and Juanita Wilson, a registered psychotherapist, who has been our tenant for two years. Increases, that reflect increases in TMUC operating costs, were incorporated into both contracts.

Tip Tap: In 2023 the use of the Tip Tap machine continued at Messy Church, Dinner Theatre and a variety of fund-raisers and services. As we move into 2024, we are acquiring new technology (Square) which will more easily support tracking of specific projects and continue to allow easy access for those willing to make donations via credit card at a variety of church events.

Charity Return: The 2022 charity Return with the Canada Revenue Agency was filed on time. There were no issues with the filing.

Budget: As in prior years our team prepared and reviewed the budget for the upcoming year. As part of that process, a draft budget was presented to Council for its review with ultimate approval by the Congregation. The key assumptions are outlined for your information and consideration on page 53.

Team: Our team met regularly over the last year and included returning members Reverend Carol Fletcher, Don Heinrichs, Adrian Measner, Donna Hadaller, Devan Ostapyk, Chris Richard, Barb Heinrichs, Cindy Ostapyk and Jim Lewis (who continued to represent the trustees). We were pleased to welcome Reverend Rob Reed to our team in August.

AS ALWAYS, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THAT TURNS
VISION INTO REALITY AT TMUC.
THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted by
Admin & Sharing

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In late 2022 the Administration & Sharing Team sent out a letter to the congregation giving an update on our finances and asking people to prayerfully consider an increase to their givings. There were no pledge forms sent out so there are no pledges to report for the upcoming year of 2023.

Number of households on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):
at the end of **2022** = 92 at the end of **2023** = 88

Number of households on monthly credit card deduction through CanadaHelps website:
at the end of **2022** = 16 at the end of **2023** = 17

Number of households using monthly e-transfer:
at the end of **2022** = 4 at the end of **2023** = 4

Respectfully submitted by Dallis Kelly

TMUC Ministry and Personnel Team

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Team serve as a “confidential consultative body supporting the pastoral relationship” and our staff as well as being a go-between for our congregation and staff should there be concerns.

Our Team for 2023 consisted of Karen Ilchena, Vivien Laurie and Sheilah Ross Campbell. Thank you to the members of the Team for providing the human resources function for TMUC as well as reporting to Council on a regular basis.

2023 was a year of transition with both fond farewells and warm welcomes.

After 35 years of dedicated service, our ministers Reverends Carol Fletcher and Jeff Cook retired in June. We are deeply thankful for their contributions and will always cherish the impact they have made on our congregation, the Transcona community, and beyond.

In July, after an extensive search, TMUC welcomed our new Diaconal Minister Reverend Rob Reed who has demonstrated remarkable poise and adaptability as he transitions into his new role. We look forward to growing with Rob and his ministerial leadership.

When our office administrator's health leave was extended, Lynn Measner continued to volunteer her time to manage crucial tasks that kept our office running smoothly throughout the year. With a few months of extra assistance from Anne Hruda, the office was in great shape.

We were thrilled to welcome Dallis Kelly as the new office administrator in December. She has quickly become an integral part of our team by managing tasks efficiently and greeting everyone with a warm smile from Tuesday to Friday.

Continuing to lead our music ministry, music director Crystal Schau and accompanist Hannah Cole have been a great support during our ministerial transition. We extend our gratitude to them for sharing their musical talents.

The search for a Sunday School & Youth Program Coordinator continues. The coordinator would work closely with the Learning Team, Messy Church Team, minister and members of the congregation and community to provide programming for children and youth as well as special family events.



Respectfully Submitted
Karen Ilchena, Chair

TRUSTEES

The trustees that served Transcona Memorial United Church in 2023 were:

David George	265 Kildonan Meadow Drive
Jim Lewis	314 Yale Avenue West
Cynthia Ostapyk	84 Beachside Bay
Patty Parsons	15 Regina Place
Wally Stoyko	4008 – 1015 St. Anne's Road
Ken Wilkie	435 Horton Avenue West
Chair - Gail Purcell	39 Balaban Place
Reverend Carol Fletcher	92 Beachside Bay
Reverend Rob Reed	#57, 35 Jack Reimer Drive

Of these trustees 7 are members of TMUC

During the year, the trustees accepted the resignation of David George with thanks. His contributions will be sincerely missed.

The Trustees continue to work closely with the Council and Teams and are very grateful to these individuals for their work. Over the past year Trustees have met only when required to address emerging issues.

Financial Report

The United Church of Canada Loan:

- As at December 31, 2023 the balance on the UCC loan was \$74,726. Irrespective of the balance in the savings account, we continue to pay down the loan to make best use of our financial resources.

Building Funds

At December 31, 2023 the Building Fund Chequing Account balance was \$1,373. and the Savings Account balance was \$259,367. This balance includes funds advanced by the federal and provincial governments for projects that are not yet complete.

- To date, grants to support capital projects were received from:

Authority	Fund	Amount
Canada	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)	\$455,000.00
Manitoba	2022 Building Sustainable Communities (BSC)	\$30,000.00
Manitoba	2023 Building Sustainable Communities	\$39,500.00
Winnipeg	Community Incentive Grant Program (CIG)	\$50,000.00
United Church	Faithful Footprints	\$30,000.00
Manitoba	Efficiency Manitoba*	\$33,000.00
Canada (CRA)	GST rebates (50% of GST paid)	\$14,000.00
	Total funding	\$651,500.00

*Includes rebates received and anticipated rebates.

Ministry Fund:

- At December 31, 2023 the total TMUC Ministry Fund balance was \$ 30,664.

Term Deposit:

- At December 31, 2023 the Term Deposit balance was \$37,896. This Term Deposit secures the line of credit for TMUC's General Fund. It earns interest of 2.1% and matures on August 17, 2025.

Other Highlights:

- The Trustees can confirm that property taxes were paid.
- The Trustees can confirm that there is insurance on the building and its contents with updated information provided through the United Church of Canada (UCC).
- During the year there was an independent insurance appraisal of our property conducted by Loss Control Consultants. This organization was recommended by the United Church of Canada. The trustees have reviewed the report, and advised our current insurance holder of the additional insurance required. We are also pursuing a quote from another insurance company.
- The Ministry Fund currently holds residual funds of approximately \$2,500 which were received as part of the funding for the Messy Church Canadian Conference which was held on-line in the past year. We have verbal confirmation that we can hold this money in trust for future Messy Church Canada related activities.
- Updated Terms of Reference for the Building Fund were approved by the congregation in the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Purcell



BUILDING FUND

Terms of Reference

Purpose: In recognition of the requirement for planning for future needs and overall good stewardship, Transcona Memorial United Church (TMUC) has established a Building Fund to receive funds to be used to support future development and renovations to the building and property.

Use: Specifically, the fund can be used for only three purposes:

1. For building expansion
2. For land and building acquisition
3. For other expenses related to building and property renovation and significant maintenance.

Record keeping of Building Fund: The contributions to this fund are accepted for a specified purpose, and must be accounted for separately from gifts to the general fund, with an appropriate donation history maintained by TMUC. The funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Administration: The administration of the fund, including disbursements and investment, is subject to the control and discretion of TMUC Council, Trustees and Congregation according to the processes outlined in the United Church Manual and United Church of Canada Financial Handbook.

Investment of Funds: The Building Fund will be maintained in a separate bank account. The investment horizon for these funds is short (0-5 years), with a focus on maintaining capital and liquidity to appropriately support the needs of the Fund. Accordingly, the Fund will be invested in cash and cash equivalents providing reasonable liquidity and protection of loss of capital through the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar program or through investments issued by Federal or Provincial Governments or Crown Corporations.

Income of these Funds: All income from this fund must be retained within the Building Fund.

Change in Use: Any change in use of this fund must be approved by the Congregation.



BUILDING and PROPERTY TEAM

Well, it's that time of year again to review the activities of the Building and Property team. 2023 was a very active year including the continuation of our Church's Environmental Green Plan.

- provided assistance with the Green Plan Project. Thanks to Stephen McKendry-Smith, our Volunteer Environmental coordinator.
- helped with the installation of new fridge in the multipurpose room purchased by three UCW members
- removed the stump and coordinated the repairs of the sidewalk with the City of Winnipeg
- repaired/sanded various church pews
- upgraded and installed both first aid kits in the downstairs halls
- coordinated the delivery of new tables and chairs donated by the Transcona Food Bank
- the Nursery and Suthwyn Hall were painted as well as other smaller areas
- coordinated the addition of lights and power to the Evergreen Tree outside the front area of church
- installation of water service for the testing of the sump pumps
- installation of ladder and hatch to access the outside roof
- replacement of the indoor stair carpet leading to the front door of the sanctuary
- assisted in the installation of the two new Food Bank fridges
- organized two successful metal drives (spring and fall)

I would like to thank the Team for their dedication and commitment.

CHERYL THOMAS
GAIL PURCELL
BLAINE ROUGEAU

MARCEL VAN EERD
MIKE THOMAS
ANDREW FLETCHER-COOK

JOHN FRASER
TERRY COUSINS
STEPHEN McKENDRY-SMITH

Respectfully submitted by Bob Kirkhope, Chair

The Transcona Memorial United Church Green Plan

Activities

We have achieved much during 2023 in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint and improve our energy efficiency. The long-awaited approval for the federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings fund kicked our Green Plan into high gear. I expect that we will celebrate the conclusion of this plan in June of 2024 with a tree-planting ceremony.

Completed work

- LED lighting in sanctuary and Yale Hall
- Furnace room upgrades
 - Install and commission four air source heat pumps (ASHPs)
 - Replace seven gas furnaces with four 98% efficient gas furnaces
 - Install four heat recovery ventilators (HRVs)
- East Building
 - Inject blown cellulose insulation in the rafter spaces
 - Add one layer of polyisocyanurate foam insulation to the surface
 - Install new decking
 - Replace shingles
- Replace ceiling fans in the sanctuary
- Install ceiling fans in Yale Hall.
- CE Building roof
 - Replace decking and add two layers of polyisocyanurate foam insulation
 - Install a roof hatch
- Repair water damage on the exterior of the east building
- Install and commission 25 kW of solar panels and associated equipment
- Asbestos abatement and stucco removal on the east building
- Remove the tree stump near the Sanctuary entrance and repair the sidewalk

Work in progress

- Building wrap, and foam insulation in preparation for stucco on the east building
- Replace light fixtures in Knox Lounge

Contractors selected and work scheduled for spring, 2024

- Stucco work on both buildings.
- Clean up, fencing around the heat pumps, and landscaping

Future work

We have some head room in the federal GICB grant. Following discussions with the Building and Property Team, and the TMUC Board, we agreed to add to the Green Project to take full advantage of the GICB contribution. Additional plans include

- Replace the Sanctuary double doors
- Install LED lighting Springfield and Suthwyn Halls
- Improve communication between the HVAC controllers and the ASHPs
- Improve the HVAC in the crying room/balcony

Outcomes

So far this winter, we have reduced our gas usage, and carbon emissions, by 42% over the previous year. Utility costs over the same period were reduced by \$831.62.

Funding and cashflow

All of our funding (except for some of the Efficiency Manitoba rebates) has been confirmed for this project. We have received or are confirmed for the following.

Authority	Fund	Amount
Canada	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)	\$484,000.00
Manitoba	2022 Building Sustainable Communities (BSC)	\$30,000.00
Manitoba	2023 Building Sustainable Communities	\$39,500.00
Winnipeg	Community Incentive Grant Program (CIG)	\$50,000.00
United Church	Faithful Footprints	\$30,000.00
Manitoba	Efficiency Manitoba*	\$33,000.00
Canada (CRA)	GST rebates (50% of GST paid)	\$14,000.00
TMUC	Miscellaneous fundraising (metal drives, etc)	\$2,500.00
	Total funding	\$683,000.00

*Includes rebates received and anticipated rebates.

To date, we have paid out \$591,278.51 to our contractors. There is about \$135,000 worth of work to complete, which will be paid out of the Building Fund. Total Green Plan project costs are now projected to be about \$725,000. TMUC's contribution is anticipated to be about \$42,000. Details are in the spreadsheet [here](#).

2022 Summary

Paid to contractors	Received from funders	Efficiency MB Rebates	GST Rebate
\$216,739.57	\$111,643.27	\$9,467.00	\$4,957.74

2023 Summary

Paid to contractors	Received from funders	Efficiency MB Rebates	GST Rebate
\$374,538.94	\$499,480.60	\$1,514.40	\$8,969.81

2024 Projections

Pay to contractors	Receive from funders	Efficiency MB Rebates	GST Rebate
\$135,000.00	\$47,475.11	\$22,000	\$3,375

On a personal note, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Building and Property Team, the TMUC Council and Trustees, Carol, Jeff and Rob, and, of course, the entire congregation for your enthusiastic and ongoing support of this Green Plan.



Stephen McKendry-Smith
Volunteer Environmental Coordinator



Book Group

MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

The Monthly Book Group began the year meeting on Zoom reading *A Million Reasons Why* by Jessica Strawser, followed by *True Biz* by Sara Novic in February, *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich in March and *Beautiful World, Where Are You* by Sally Rooney in April.

May brought the return of in person meetings to everyone's delight. We read *The Picture of Dorian Grey* by Oscar Wilde. In June we had a pot luck wind up with a blind date book exchange, each wrapping a book in brown paper with a short description. We had fun choosing a book to take home and we wished Carol and Sylvia well in their future reading adventures.

In September we welcomed Rob to the group and we met to pick our reading list which consisted of *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good, *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein and *How to Catch a Mole: And Find Yourself in Nature* by Marc Hamer.

We welcome you to join us for a month, a year or more, whatever fits your schedule. All are welcome and there is always room for more!

Respectfully submitted by Gail Purcell on behalf of the Monthly Book Group

PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Prairie to Pine Regional Council Meeting 2023 was a hybrid meeting. From Thursday, June 1 to Sunday, June 4, 2023 at the United Church in Meadowood with 200 people in attendance and more than 30 on Zoom. The theme of the meeting was "Together Through The Wilderness" With the Moderator, the Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, giving the theme address.

Throughout the weekend there were many clusters and networks and also workshops to attend.

The business of the Regional Council was conducted with the approval of REMIT: Autonomous Indigenous Organization and acceptance of a proposal asking for action to be taken in addressing Climate Change supported by large bank investment in fossil fuels.

In typical United Church fashion we beat the heat of the day with fun, food, faith, and dare I say friendship. It was a very worthwhile Gathering!

Respectfully submitted
Alan Gershuny

<https://prairietopinerc.ca>



WORSHIP and WELCOME TEAM

During the first six months of 2023, the Worship and Welcome Team met twice. Since there was no team chair, Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook set the agenda and chaired the meetings. Some highlights during this time include:

1. An Ash Wednesday Jazz Vespers service with the Miles Evans Jazz Quartet, followed by a reception. People from the other TBJIGGN churches were invited to attend.
2. We returned to in-person worship for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.
3. We returned to monthly communion using rice crackers, instead of bread, served with tongs.
4. For the Sunday, June 4th service, Diane McKenty, from Grey Street United Church, who was studying to be a licensed lay leader, was our guest worship leader. Other TBJIGGN church members attended. Rev. Jeff and Rev. Carol attended the Prairie to Pine Regional meeting this weekend.
5. Jeff and Carol's final service was held on June 25th, 2023.
6. Pulpit supply for July was provided by Rev. Robert Johanneson and Rev. Ken Delisle. There were no Zoom services in July.
7. TMUC hosted Church-o-rama for the TBJIGGN group of churches on July 30th, August 27th, and September 3rd.

Rev. Rob Reed preached his first service on August 6th, 2023. Once Rev. Rob was ministering to our congregation, the Worship and Welcome Team met monthly. At the September meeting, Rob provided the team with worship plans for the following four months. Cathie Morgan Matula became chair. Susan Bywater continued as secretary. Crystal Schau continued as music director. Laura Fraser-Schau continued as a valued team member. Many items were discussed at our meetings including removing the ministers' chairs from the chancel steps, changing what was on the communion table, having more lay participation in the services, communion preparation instructions, Sunday School, switching from grape juice to cranberry juice for communion, off-site communion, revising the peace candle brochure, pastoral visits, music and choirs, livestreaming services, and honorariums.

The Christ candle and the Rainbow candle were lit each Sunday, and special words were said during the lighting.

Special services in the fall included: The Covenanting Service for Rev. Rob in the afternoon of September 17th, Orange Shirt Sunday for Truth and Reconciliation on September 24th, Thanksgiving Sunday on October 8th, UCW Thankoffering Sunday on October 15th, Remembrance Day service on November 5th, Peace Sabbath on November 12th, Children's Sabbath on November 19th, and Blue Christmas in the evening December 17th.

All our Sunday services are meaningful and thought-provoking. The four Sundays in Advent were especially meaningful with the Advent wreath in a new place on the communion table and various people lighting the candles and reading the words, along with Rob delivering the day's message. We did not sing Christmas carols during Advent. The Christmas Eve service with real candles and lots of carols was very special.

For five Sundays in the fall, Cathie Morgan Matula prepared Sunday School lessons for the children who attended church and/or sent them home for children to work on. Since we had no children some Sundays, this type of Sunday School was discontinued.

Kathy Rempel and Dan Trochim resigned from the team in February and Cheryl Hadaller joined our team in October. Cheryl and Jim Hadaller are responsible for preparing the communion elements. We thank them for their work.

Special thanks to Cheryl Hadaller and her crew of church decorators for preparing the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, and to Cheryl for ordering all the candles we needed for worship in the fall.

Special thanks to Crystal Schau for her work leading the choirs and arranging special music for the congregation each week. Special thanks to Hannah Cole for accompanying the choirs/soloists/musicians each week.

And, last but not least, many, many thanks to Rev. Rob Reed for his leadership, care, sense of humour, and support for our team and our congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie Morgan Matula, Worship and Welcome Team chair

TMUC BREAKFAST GROUP

Our group continues to meet sporadically. We have been meeting for breakfast at restaurants in the Transcona community more or less once a month except summertime. We've had as many as 16 people and as few as 6 attending. For food and friendship join us!

Dates and times are printed in the TMUC News of Our Lives Together prior to our gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Gershuny



MUSIC

Music Report 2023

This year in music was a great one.

We had the TMUC Singers singing at the end of every month plus special occasions like Easter, Jeff and Carol's retirement, Christmas Eve, and more.

The Children's Chorus sang for Palm Sunday and Advent 3. Hymnotic was small but mighty on the weeks when we didn't have a choir singing to help out with the hymns.

We had a guest band, the Evan Miles Quartet in for a Jazz vespers service for Ash Wednesday. Many talented individuals lent their voices and some instruments to our weekly worship services as special music.

It has been a pleasure working with the many talented individuals who have been a part of the music making at TMUC. We are looking forward to another year of fantastic music!

Crystal Schau
Music Director

T'BJIGGN

The representatives from the seven TBJIGGN churches (United Churches in northeast Winnipeg) met five times in 2023. Our January meeting was via Zoom; the rest were in-person. At every meeting, the reps shared news from each church, and invited everyone to attend special events and services.

At our January meeting, we made plans for joint worship services and events for Lent and Easter. Gordon-King Memorial hosted a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper to which everyone was invited. Transcona Memorial hosted Ash Wednesday Jazz Vespers with reception afterward and had a good-sized congregation with representatives from the other churches. We made plans for Licensed Lay Worship Leader in training, Diane McKenty, to provide worship on June 4th, at TMUC, for the Prairie to Pine Regional Conference weekend. We also spoke about summer plans and discussed having another Churchorama.

At our May meeting, we confirmed our plans for Churchorama and decided which church would host on which dates. TMUC welcomed visitors on July 30th, August 27th, and September 3. Some TMUC people visited the other churches, and found it to be a rewarding experience.

We were thrilled that a group of churches in south Winnipeg used our model and created their own successful Churchorama for the summer.

We invited all the ministers to attend our September meeting. Everyone got to know each other a little bit and shared their thoughts about the cluster and how to work together. We are pleased to report that the ministers are gathering on a regular basis. After the clergy left the meeting, the lay people discussed our plans for a pre-Advent event and chose the theme "How Does a Weary World Rejoice" for it. A prepared liturgy for Advent was shared and clergy were invited to use it, but were not forced to use it.

In the fall, there were several covenanting services for new ministers in our cluster, and many reps and other congregation members went to our sister churches for these services.

In October, we met to prepare our pre-Advent event. We decided who would prepare worship, crafts, food, etc. for the event. TMUC had two new reps: Susan Copeland and Vicky Low.

In November, we met one more time to finalize plans for the pre-Advent event, share craft ideas, food ideas, etc. On November 25th, the event was held with over 80 people in attendance. It was a big success! We also shared times for worship services for Blue Christmas, for December 24th morning and evening, and for December 31st, and extended an invitation to other churches to join us.

We look forward to having shared worship services and shared activities in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Morgan Matula for Vicky Low and Susan Copeland



MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church - 2023 Annual Report Submission

Messy Church continues to be a fun, exciting and at times “messy” gathering once a month. Each month we enjoy activities and crafts linked to our theme, followed by a meal and then a time of storytelling and music.

Our Messy Church congregation is thriving and we are always excited to welcome new families and we are grateful for those who attend each month.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who lead the crafts and activities along with a dedicated group of kitchen volunteers who make sure we all enjoy a lovely meal together.

Messy Church is for all ages and we would love for you to join us!

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Cardwell, Jenn Harlos, Gail Purcell, Rob Reed, Lynn Richard and Crystal Schau - The TMUC Messy Church Planning Team





UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The United Church Women met 9 times during 2023, with an average of twenty women attending our meetings. For several months, we met in the Multi-purpose Room, but once we welcomed several new members, we moved back downstairs to Suthwyn. New members include Heather Todd, Lynne Kancer, Donna McDonald, Leona Mayer, Dorothy Fife, Cheryl Hadaller, Deborah Thiessen, Sharon Jensen, Cheryl Jensen, and Mary Price.

We are sad to report that three of our members passed away during the year: Elaine Trochim, Isobelle Coldwell and her daughter, Lynn Fraser. We appreciated their contributions.

Cathie Morgan Matula remained as our president, Mary Thiessen remained as our treasurer, and Susan Copeland remained as our secretary. After Susan's bad fall in the church, Carol Kirkhope was our acting secretary until Susan was able to return.

We shared the Land Acknowledgement at every meeting.

We had a worship time at each meeting. At the start of the year, Cheryl Thomas and Mary Thiessen provided us with interesting readings and thoughts. Later in the year, Alma Jennings chose a hymn composer to tell us about each month and discussed the hymn(s) written with us.

Each month, we donated to the Fellowship of the Least Coin, and said the prayer that others around the world say. All the monies collected are donated to the Women's Inter- Church Council (WICC) to support women's organizations around the world.

Carol Favoni/Susan Copeland are our funeral coordinators. We worked at the receptions for Elaine Trochim, Richard Hughes, Bob Buchanan, Harry Darichuk, David Brown, and Cathie Romas.

Alma Jennings is our card secretary, and she sends cards to members who are bereaved or ill.

We prepared refreshments for the reception after Jazz Vespers on Ash Wednesday.

We cleaned the sanctuary before Easter.

We prepared 12 shoe boxes with personal items for women in women's shelters for Mother's Day.

Three of our members donated money for the purchase of a fridge for the Multipurpose Room.

We donated money for a baby shower for one of our Ukrainian ladies who gave birth to twins.

In June, we invited Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook to our wind-up luncheon, and shared memories of our time with them.

We decorated the sanctuary for Thanksgiving.

Mary Thiessen and Cheryl Hadaller led, and various members took part in, the Thankoffering Service on October 15th.

We were responsible for Quiz Night on November 18th. Much fun was had by all who attended. Thank you to Russell and Kathy Antymis for being our Quiz Masters again. Thank you to everyone who donated baking for the silent auction and to those who bid on the items.

Many of our members prepared food for, and worked at, the Park Manor Personal Care Home tea on December 1st. We also sang Christmas carols with the residents.

We paid for the Christmas lights to be placed on the evergreen tree outside the church.

Susan Copeland and Mary Thiessen prepared a list of jobs for which UCW members can volunteer.

We paid for some special candles to be used in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.

Several of us helped set up tables and make coffee, etc. for Worship Around the Breakfast Table on December 31st.

Our Christmas lunch was held in January 2024 with Rev. Rob Reed as our guest.

It was another busy year for our UCW!

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Morgan Matula, President, for Mary Thiessen and Susan Copeland

Transcona Memorial United Church Women's Financial Statement

January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Balance forward January 01, 2023	<u>2,131.68</u>
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Income

Membership	360.00
Least Coin	246.95
Donations	2,821.00
Shoe Box	350.00
Pin	4.00

Total	<u>3,781.95</u>
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Expenses

Shoe boxes	261.36
Luncheon expense	40.85
Card postage	96.60
Least Coin	303.25
Xmas Lights TMUC	900.00
Bank charges	2.80

Total	<u>1,604.86</u>
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Balance fwd Dec 31, 2023	<u>4,308.77</u>
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Donations	
Anonymous	2,000.00
Doug Copeland	800.00
Norma Hinds	21.00

Casera Membership	5.00
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outstanding #65 Least Coin	303.25
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Bank Balance Dec 31, 2023	<u>4,612.02</u>
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2023 Outreach Report to Council

On behalf of Outreach, I would like to inform Council, that we are pleased to report that we have accomplished our Objectives with the exception of our planned Reconciliation with Elder Mike which was cancelled, due to our representative from Just1City, John McKay taking ill.

Susan Sebastian has continued with the Transcona Food Bank operations, in the role of Vice Chair for the Food Bank.

Holly Hill completes the weekly sending out of the Get Well and Sympathy cards.

Shirley Bird has continued to organize the Mother's Day and Father's Day Carnation for the clients in Park Manor.

The Committee has organized and sold Carnations for Shut-Ins at Easter and arranged for delivery after the Easter Service.

The Senior's Meal Program has been running through out the year providing their takeout service and will be starting to have in house Wednesday meals.

Respectfully submitted by;
Susan Sebastian
Chair, Outreach



TRANSCONA FOOD BANK

The year 2023 was a year that we started to live with Covid and the challenges we faced as we see more people using the food banks due to the rising food prices and keeping our food bank operating to feed families in need.

The Transcona Food Bank Easter Opening was held on April 13, 2023. There were 128 families that came to this opening. The food bank provided a special treat by purchasing hamburger chubs for our clients. Overall, this opening was a great success.

Due to the high cost of purchasing eggs at the local stores the food bank decided to buy crated eggs from the Sturgeon Creek Colony. This move will save the food bank around \$982.80 per year for our 13 openings. We put the word out for empty eggs containers to the public so we could pack our own eggs. The eggs are delivered right to the church. So far this has been working really well. Thanks to Susan for setting this up.

Due to lack of volunteers, there was no Hi Neighbour Parade. Midge cancelled the Scouts and Guides and contacted Transcona Biz for a refund of the Reader Boards.

The food bank received three grants from Healthy Together Now in 2023 totaling \$2,337.00. These grants paid for fresh produce for 2 openings (\$937.00), gas for volunteers (\$800.00), extra cleaning for the church (\$150.00), taxis (\$300.00), and to cover some of the food banks

admin. costs (\$150.00). As one grant was received late in the year, the majority will defer to the 2024 fiscal year.

All Saints Ukrainian Church gave the food \$1,800.00 to help cover cost for taxis for our clients. This was greatly appreciated by the food bank. With this donation we are able to help clients get rides home.

On April 12 and 13 we had 12 students from Calvin Christian Collegiate come and help with deliveries, sorting, and packing. The students enjoyed it and it was a positive learning experience.

A Volunteer Pizza Appreciation Luncheon was held for all our volunteers on Thursday June 8, 2023, only the volunteers and the TMUC ministers and secretary were invited. A total of 35 volunteers attended.

On June 28, 2023 the Kildonan Green "Circle K" Store held a Hot Dog fundraiser for the Transcona Food Bank. They raised \$1,100.00 plus food for our food bank. Amarinder Kaur and Hargurbir Singh hosted the fund raiser.

One of our volunteers Marshall Hawryluk passed away on September 5, 2023. Marshall has been with our food bank for many years. He picked up bread and dainties twice a week, helped Midge with registering clients at the front desk, picking up clothing, taking away recycling, helping with deliveries and food pickups. He will be missed by all of us.

The Transcona Food Bank applied to the Harvest Manitoba Capacity Grant program being offered. The Harvest Manitoba Capacity Harvest Manitoba approved the majority of our grant application up to \$11,870.00. With this grant the food bank bought 6 tables with one dolly, 20 chairs and 2 dollies, 3 collapsible wagons, taxis cost and gas for volunteers picking up food plus purchasing another cooler for the food bank.

Cheryl applied for the Intergenerational Connections 2023 Grant Program. We received approval for the grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. This was broken down into; \$500.00 volunteer gas, \$300.00 Administration costs and \$200.00 cleaning costs TMUC.

At our September 28, 2023 meeting we had the election of Officers. The following Officers were elected for the 2023-2024 year.

Jack Puranen - Chairperson

Susan Sebastian - Vice-Chair

Muriel (Midge) Barry - Secretary

Cheryl Freeman - Treasurer

Officers were elected by acclamation.

In September we changed our annual Honorarium to 600.00, to be paid to TMUC to help out with costs the church incurs in housing the Food Bank.

On Thanksgiving weekend Oct 6 to Oct. 9, 2023, the Freshco Store held a fund raiser for the Transcona Food bank. We received 207 hamper bags worth \$1,495.00. We also collected \$609.70 in cash donations at the door. Freshco also collected \$1,534.34 at the tills for us. We had volunteers sitting at the door for those two days. Special thanks to those who came out to help sit at the table.

Just before our Christmas opening one of our upright coolers broke down. The cost to repair it was going to be around \$1800.00. The food bank executive decided it would be better to replace it with a new one. The cost for a new one was just over \$4,000.00. Thanks to Cheryl who found us one and it was delivered on December 19, 2023.

Special thanks to Midge for all the hard work she has put in making the Christmas opening a success. We had a total of 152 families at the Christmas opening. This year we received more food donations from schools, businesses, churches, and several different organizations.

Thanks to Susan for making sure we had Christmas music for the Christmas opening.

With increased donations to our Food Bank in 2023, we have been able to spend more on extra groceries for our recipients. We buy milk and eggs for every opening. We bought frozen hamburger, stove top stuffing. cranberry sauce, pancake mix and syrup along with peanut butter and cereal as special items from time to time. We also bought non-perishable cans when we run low in a particular category, especially when we observe lean times at Harvest Manitoba.

Statistics The Transcona Food Bank for 2023:

Number of families served : **1759**

Number of adults served : **3165**

Number of single people served : **296**

Number of children served : **2715**

(0-12 Months) :**136**, (1-6Yrs):**1039**, (7-12yrs) :**1085**, (13-18y): **455**

Number of people served : **5683**

The Number of families using the food bank in **2022** totaled **1130**. This year we served **1759** families. The demand for help is growing year by year.

As part of our church community , we feel called upon to help our less fortunate families and are pleased, willing and happy to do so. We are looking forward to whatever 2024 holds in store for us. **Thanks to Midge, Susan and Cheryl, the Food Bank Committee and Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication towards making the Transcona Food Bank what it is. Without all your help there would be no food bank. Also, thanks for Cheryl / Wendy Richey for looking after the taxis scheduled for our clients.**

I have attached the following: Transcona Food Bank Statistics , Financial Report for the 2023 year and a List of donations. We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the attached groups who have helped with donations and / or service to our Food Bank.

Respectfully Submitted
Jack Puranen - Chair
Transcona Food Bank

TRANSCONA FOOD BANK

YEARLY DONATIONS 2023

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church	Arthur Day Middle School
Abundance Canada	Access Credit Union
Ball Insurance Agency	Birchwood Automotive Group
Blessed Sacrament Church	Calvin Christian Collegiate
CAIRDE Winnipeg (Celtic Group)	Circle K Store Kildonan Green
CNR 'Retired Employees Volunteers Service Grant'	
CNR Work Equipment Shop	College Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Concordia Eye Centre Dispensing	E.E.C.C. "Breakfast With Santa"
East End C.C.Yoga & Fitness Classes	
East Park Lodge Tenant Association	Ecole Centrale
Ecole Centrale Parent Advisory Council	Ecole Centrale School Age Centre
Ecole Regent Park Parent Advisory Council	Ecole Margaret Underhill

Transcona Food Bank
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Period November 12, 2023 to December 31, 2023

	Sept 22 to Nov 12 <u>2023</u>	YTD <u>2023</u>	YTD <u>2022</u>
Receipts			
Donations			
Grants	\$1,000.00	18,987.69	22,269.31
Indirect (TMUC and Canada Helps)	16,072.43	31,747.99	19,699.69
Direct (Direct to Food Bank)	8,188.64	13,961.47	10,032.70
Clothing sales	71.30	973.20	513.55
Bank interest earned	909.90	959.40	384.00
Rebate on purchase of gift cards	0.00	500.00	500.00
	<u>\$26,242.27</u>	<u>\$67,129.75</u>	<u>\$53,399.25</u>
Disbursements			
Food Purchases	\$8,737.82	\$32,531.80	21,635.91
Administration and Supplies	-177.93	1,206.86	1,729.69
TMUC-honorarium for expenses	0.00	600.00	400.00
Grant Expenditures	490.40	17,097.18	21,380.52
Volunteer lunch	0.00	325.07	239.96
Assets	4,058.88	4,058.88	0.00
	<u>\$13,109.17</u>	<u>\$55,819.79</u>	<u>\$45,386.08</u>
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>\$13,133.10</u>	<u>\$11,309.96</u>	<u>\$8,013.17</u>

PREPARED BY Cheryl Freeman, CPA, CA

As at January 5, 2024

Transcona Food Bank
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2023

Bank balance, Jan 1, 2023	\$29,700.51
Receipts	\$67,129.75
Disbursements	(\$55,819.79)
2022 A/R received	\$2,886.00
2023 Deferred Revenue	\$3,529.30
Less: Year End A/R	(\$12,808.86)
Less: 2022 Grant Deferrals	(\$3,780.69)
Opening Sobey's Gift Card	\$2,267.27
Less Closing Sobey's Gift Card	(\$4,066.38)
Interest rolled into new GIC	(\$909.90)
Bank Balance - Dec 31, 2023	<u>\$28,127.21</u>
Sobey's balance beginning of period	\$2,267.27
Purchase gift cards	\$10,000.00
Donations	\$3,469.34
Disbursement charged on gift cards	\$11,670.23
Balance on Sobey's gift cards	<u>\$4,066.38</u>
Investment	<u>\$35,739.90</u>
TOTAL CASH POSITION	<u>\$67,933.49</u>

PREPARED BY Cheryl Freeman, CPA, CA

GIFTS OF GRACE STREET MISSION (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP)

The Gifts of Grace Street Mission was founded under the umbrella of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 690 Munroe Avenue, Winnipeg. Since 2012, the Gifts of Grace Street Mission has been approved by the TMUC Council as a Special Interest Group. We thank our church members for all they have done, and continue to do, to help keep our Mission vibrant and thriving, especially during these trying times. Your donations of muffins, buns, toiletries, knitted items, clothing, socks as well as monetary donations are extremely appreciated.

The Mission's mandate is to provide Food, Friendship and Compassion to our Friends who are experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg.

The Mission started off 2023 again under health restrictions with the Covid-19 virus still very much around us. With having our sandwich and casserole making crews already set up from last year, as well as other obligations that the Mission had in place; we all knew what needed to be done. The schedules for both the sandwich and casserole crews were set up by those in charge on a monthly rotation and the volunteers were notified by email or phone calls. The various teams, made up of volunteers from the entire Mission, were able to supply Main Street Project with 700 sandwiches each week for the Van Patrol from Monday through to Sunday, as well as 200 sandwiches going to Agape every Tuesday and 50 sandwiches being delivered to Red Road Lodge also. An additional 150 sandwiches were also made weekly to be delivered with the Thursday meal to Main Street Project and an additional 150 sandwiches were made weekly to be delivered with the Sunday morning breakfast at 190 Disraeli. At a meeting on May 18, 2022, it was decided that the Mission would drop the delivery to Red Road Lodge as well as the casseroles for the Sunday outings until further notice, but would continue to maintain our commitment to our core business including the Van Patrol sandwiches, the weekly dinner at Main Street Project and the weekly breakfast at 190 Disraeli.

The casserole crew started up on January 3rd and by the end of December, 2023, they had made 226 casseroles that were served or delivered to Main Street Project every Thursday throughout the year. There were a number of volunteers from St. Saviour's who served the casseroles and when it wasn't safe due to the virus to serve in person; the casseroles were delivered to the staff at Main Street Project to serve the clientele. Along with the casseroles there usually were donations of juice boxes, cookies, wagon wheels, homemade muffins and buns, which were donated by TMUC members, as well as Blessed Sacrament members and friends of our many volunteers. The St. Saviour's Crew were also making and delivering 1 casserole weekly to Agape every Tuesday when they delivered the sandwiches.

On June 12th, 2023, we lost one of our founding members, Bob Buchanan. Bob was our Communication Officer and a very important part of our Mission. Bob was very much involved and he certainly will be missed by all the Members of the Gifts of Grace Street Mission.

The Mission decided as a whole, that we would no longer be having an Annual BBQ after the Annual BBQ in August of 2022 due to the safety of our volunteers.

St. Saviour's Anglican Church provides tax receipts for anyone who may wish to make a donation to our Mission. Cheques are made payable to St. Saviour's Anglican Church with "Gifts of Grace" specified on the front of the cheque. We are truly blessed to have three congregations working together, plus several friends of the Mission, to make our Mission what

it is today. Dealing with the continued threat of the Covid virus certainly has made it a real challenge to manage the everyday mechanics of running the Mission.

We are not taking clothes at this time; but anyone who wishes to donate non perishable food items, please use our drop-off spots, which are:

In the Transcona Area: Transcona Salon Spa located at #14 –1783 Plessis Rd.
In the Elmwood Area: The Washeteria Laundromat at 556 Keenleyside St.
In the North Kildonan Area: 417 Paufeld Drive

We always welcome new volunteers. If you are at all interested, please do not hesitate to contact Bonnie Scott (204) 222-6986 or Anne Hruda (431) 996-2509 or check out our Facebook Page under Gifts of Grace Street Mission, which can be accessed easily.

Respectfully Submitted by
Anne Hruda, Gifts of Grace Street Mission Volunteer



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Dorothy Fife was our contact person and along with Pat Bain they organized the hampers. We made 15 hampers this year with four or five members in each family.

Chickens and hams were once again donated by Russ Wyatt. We were able to include Milk, eggs, cheese, margarine, oranges, frozen vegetables, bread, potatoes and onions.

Donna McDonald sorted and divided all the beautiful knitted items with the excess going to our food bank. She also helped wrap presents.

Hamper delivery was on December 20th with six teams delivering,

Thank you to Bob Kirkhope and team to have arranged room for our storage and work area in the previous board room.

The excess funds have been sent to The Christmas Cheer Board.

It has been a pleasure to do this work for the church and the greater community, and this seems like a good time to retire on a high note. We appreciate the support of this very generous congregation over the years, and we anticipate that a new generation of hamper organizers will experience the same. Respectfully, Dorothy and Pat



CAUGHT IN THE ACT CO.

TMUC production of “Borrowed Time” finally took place April 2023 with four showings and the full dinner theatre experience. Much of the cast and crew has stuck with it for the duration of ups and down over the pandemic, and all were pleased to finally see efforts come to fruition. Due to increase in food costs, a slight increase was charged for the ticket, as well as wine, and despite anyone’s apprehensions to attend large group gatherings, if any were had, attendance was good. No evenings were sell-outs, but all came near close. As several expenses (costumes, set design, décor, etc) were spread out over the few years and attempts to put it on, the overall expenses for the final production year were less than typical, which also resulted in a more than typical profit for the year.

Overall, an excellent time was had by all who participated, actor, cast and audience; and all are looking ahead to this becoming an annual event again.

Kathy Antymis

Producer 2023

Caught in the Act Co. Financials 2023

Revenue		
Carry in from 2022	\$ 783.56	
Ticket Sales	\$ 26,450.00	(529 tickets * \$50.00)
Donations	\$ 437.00	
Wine/Drink Sales	\$2,940.00	
Cast dinners	\$300.00	
TOTAL	\$30,910.56	
Expenses		
Printing costs	\$ 472.05	
Scripts/Royalties	\$ 417.15	
Flats/Paint/Door	\$ 0.00	
Costumes	\$ 0.00	
Makeup	\$ 394.27	
Props/Stage	\$0.00	
Music	\$0.00	
Decorations-Stage	\$0.00	
Dinner	\$ 11,016.17	
Lighting rental	\$ 941.02	
Miscellaneous	\$ 23.81	
Wine/Drinks	\$ 1,402.19	
TOTAL	\$ 14,666.66	
Net Income	\$ 16,243.90	
Disbursements		
TMUC Operating Fund	\$ 15,250.00	(\$20.00 per ticket \$10,580.00)
Carry in to next year	\$993.90	

Submitted by Adrian Measner, Treasurer

Audited by Jim Lewis CGA(Ret)

Plant Sale 2023

We continue to appreciate all who support the TMUC/Glenlea Greenhouse Plant Sale. We had another terrific year in 2023 with \$1,345.97 returned to the General Fund.

The plant sale has truly turned into a community fundraiser, no longer limited to congregation members. We are grateful to all who share the social media posts, Transcona Views community notifications and use word of mouth to help raise funds for the work of the church.

Generally, this is the paragraph that I say Winnipeg is in a cold snap, but it's raining this afternoon! The weather will change back to cold and I'm sure we'll have some more snow before the true thaw happens. While you're waiting for spring, plan your garden and order your plants! Delivery is scheduled for Friday, May 24 (the weekend after the long weekend!), time still to be determined.

With continued thanks,
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk & Cathy Drennan



TMUC IN THE COMMUNITY



Children's Choice Nursery School

The 2023 - 2024 school year is going well. We have a full enrollment again this year and as Transcona changes and diversifies so do our classes. It is definitely challenging to have non-English speaking children, but at the same time it is interesting to learn more about other cultures. We look forward to a great second half of the school year!

Wendy Frejuk
Director



Girl Guides of Canada: 155th Guide Unit

I have unfortunately lost track of how many years our unit has been meeting at Transcona Memorial United Church. Your space is such a blessing for us. At a time when it is becoming increasingly difficult to find spaces for community-based activities such as Guiding we have been very fortunate to have TMUC. Yale hall allows us to play games, complete many learning and life skill type activities and even practice some camp skills like how to put up a tent (of course we leave out the tent pegs). Because your space is so large, our unit has been able to grow. We are currently at our maximum capacity with 27 girls. As a direct result of our large group size, we were unable to fit in the building we regularly use for sleepovers and so this year we had a fall sleepover in Yale Hall. It was awesome to be able to spend the night in a building that we already know so well. As you may know, Guiding at all ages participates in service to the community.

This past year among our service projects we served dinner at the TMUC dinner theater. This is a project that the girls love to do. The girls really enjoy serving in this way and look forward to doing it again in May.

Once again, the 155th Guide Unit is truly thankful for the continued association with Transcona Memorial United Church and the fantastic facility you allow us to use.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Werboweski

Contact Guider of the 155th Guide Unit.

The Transcona Council for Seniors Inc.

The Transcona Council for Seniors is one of ten resource councils with in the city of Winnipeg. Our mission is to provide a forum whereby individuals or representatives of local agencies, organizations and businesses are able to voice their concerns, share information and expertise, and address those issues that will enable seniors (55+) to maintain or enhance their quality of life

The Transcona Council for Seniors has enjoyed a partnership for many years with the Transcona Memorial United Church. We have provided equipment for use in the kitchen such as two ranges, one convection oven, two induction hot plates and two refrigerators. These are used by the church and other visiting groups as well as the council for our meal programs.

We also are grateful for the use of the gymnasium to play Pickleball and on occasion the use of meeting rooms for other activities such as iPad training.

Once a year we hold a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for Transcona Memorial United Church. This is in conjunction with the ticket sales for the Dinner Theater. We also provide a monthly honorarium to the church for its generous donation of space for our programs. Thank you again for being an open welcoming congregation!

Colleen Tackaberry
Senior Resource Finder

The Transcona Seniors Pickleball Club (TSPC)

The Transcona Seniors Pickleball Club (TSPC) has been a part of the Transcona community since 2014. The TSPC came about with the support of the Transcona Council for Seniors and direction of Colleen Tackaberry ,Resource Coordinator. Members play at various times during the week (M-F) at Transcona Memorial United Church and at Oxford Heights Community Centre. Pickleball is a fun sport for all ages, especially seniors. We encourage seniors in our community to come out and enjoy both playing the game along with the social interaction that is an important aspect of pickleball. Our membership is approaching the century mark and we continue to get new members on a regular basis.

If anyone has any questions or is interested in playing pickleball with TSPC they should contact Fred at 204-224- 4941

New Aniibiish

New Aniibiish - in Ojibwe means New Leaf.

New Aniibiish is a private counselling practice situated on the 4th floor. The practice is led by Juanita Wilson, a seasoned integrative licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist. Juanita has achieved academic qualifications, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), and a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology (MACP). She is registered with the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW) and the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association (CCPA). Kari Kerelluke is the other therapist you will see in the building on Wednesdays. Kari is a long-term resident of Transcona and is very aware of the limited mental health support in the area. She also holds a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and is registered with the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW). Juanita's expertise is centred on treating trauma, developmental trauma, and responses to various stressful life events, focusing on adolescents, adults, and families. Her treatment approach is integrative, designed to customize care to align with each client's unique needs and objectives. This method involves a variety of trauma treatment techniques. Juanita is committed to helping individuals gain a deeper understanding of trauma and its effects on the nervous system. Kari offers counselling services to individuals 18+. Her focus is stages of life transitions, anxiety and depression, mood disorders, as well as relationship/parenting conflict.

Clients come to the office from many places: the New Aniibiish website, google searches, a variety of insurance companies, Psychology Today and personal referrals.

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Juanita



Juanita Wilson MA RSW she/her/elle

TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

2023 Income and Expenses (unaudited)

	2023 GENERAL FUND	2023 BUILDING FUND	2023 MINISTRY FUND	2022 GENERAL FUND
INCOME				
Envelope Offering	\$80,922.32	\$26,682.58		\$131,362.82
PAR Offering	\$92,998.00			\$96,725.00
Other electronic offering	\$33,048.14			
Auction	\$7,256.00			\$4,599.53
Dinner Theatre	\$15,250.00			\$0.00
Rent	\$21,662.50			\$20,280.00
Wedding/Funeral/Catering	\$6,320.00			\$10,651.00
Other fund raising/Misc	\$4,316.15			\$11,556.10
Food Bank	\$67,136.10			\$53,436.11
UCW	\$3,781.95			\$3,006.25
Interest	\$1,437.76	\$7,494.70	\$1,611.80	\$1,614.38
Wage subsidy				\$1,629.42
Cropo Grant	\$5,000.00			
Efficiency MB Grant		\$1,514.40		
Green & Inclusive Federal		\$459,943.45		
MB Building Sustainable		\$34,902.00		
SubTotal Revenue	\$339,128.92	\$530,537.13	\$1,611.80	\$334,860.61
Mission & Service	\$20,231.46			\$19,837.11
TOTAL REVENUE	\$359,360.38	\$530,537.13	\$1,611.80	\$354,697.72
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Care				
Salaries and Benefits	\$129,506.35			\$145,361.95
Allowances	\$1,792.39			\$2,717.64
SubTotal	\$131,298.74			\$148,079.59
Administrative Staff				
Salaries/Benefits/Allowances	\$13,106.82			\$28,254.55

Contract Services	\$34,306.68		\$32,241.47
SubTotal	\$47,413.50		\$60,496.02
Operations			
Hydro (Electricity & Gas)	\$16,458.80		\$16,022.62
Telephone/Cable	\$2,508.54		\$3,038.73
Water & Sewer	\$1,271.99		\$1,138.82
General Maintenance	\$13,264.68		\$11,625.84
Property Taxes & Insurance	\$9,505.75	\$1,614.43	\$10,192.63
Elevator Maintenance	\$3,735.62		\$3,190.35
Interest	1.16	\$1,587.09	
Furnace Replacement		\$78,239.08	
Roof Replacement		\$161,194.92	
Other Green Plan		\$132,828.02	
Furniture and Appliances	6326.14		
Snow/Defib/Mats	\$4,158.85		\$7,015.15
SubTotal	\$57,231.53	\$375,463.54	\$52,224.14
Office Expenses			
Photocopier Lease	\$1,163.38		\$1,623.81
Stationary and Supplies	\$1,551.09		\$714.60
Postage	\$189.08		\$271.22
Computer Software/Support	\$610.50		\$2,199.00
SubTotal	\$3,514.05		\$4,808.63
Teams			
Council	\$5,277.42		\$425.00
Outreach	\$165.38		\$178.76
Learning	\$721.16		\$284.83
Admin & Sharing	\$0.00		\$0.00
Worship & Welcome	\$1,559.16		\$681.49
Ministry & Personnel	\$1,160.00		\$808.00
SubTotal	\$8,883.12		\$2,378.08
United Church Assessment	\$11,489.00		\$13,864.00
Audit	\$4,000.00		\$3,800.00
Bank Charges	\$2,387.42	12.67	\$2,136.21
Food Bank	\$55,819.79		\$45,386.08
UCW	\$1,604.86		\$2,460.03
Misc	\$425.00	\$537.97	\$1,312.80
SubTotal	\$75,726.07		\$68,959.12
Expenses SubTotal	\$324,067.01	\$375,476.21	\$336,945.58

Mission & Service	\$20,231.46			\$19,837.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$344,298.47	\$375,476.21	\$537.97	\$356,782.69
Surplus (deficit)	\$15,061.91	\$155,060.92	\$1,073.83	-\$2,084.97

As of December 31, 2023 the amount remaining on the United Church Loan is \$74,726.70

From the December 31, 2023 Balance Sheet:

Total Chequing and Saving in General Fund: \$72,733.56

Building Fund: \$261,455.32, Ministry Fund: \$30,644.01. The Ministry Fund also has a GIC \$37,895.86

TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES

	2024 GENERAL FUND	2024 BUILDING FUND	2024 Ministry FUND	2023 GENERAL FUND
INCOME				
Envelope Offering	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00		\$80,922.32
PAR Offering	\$94,000.00	\$7,500.00		\$92,998.00
Other electronic offering	\$34,000.00			\$33,048.14
Auction	\$7,000.00			\$7,256.00
Dinner Theatre	\$13,500.00			\$15,250.00
Rent	\$21,000.00			\$21,662.50
Wed/Fun/Catering	\$7,000.00			\$6,320.00
Other fund raising/Misc	\$5,000.00			\$4,316.15
Food Bank	\$40,000.00			\$67,136.10
UCW	\$3,000.00			\$3,781.95
Interest	\$1,200.00	\$9,500.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,437.76
Federal Green & Inclusive		\$24,207.00		
Building Sustainable Com		\$23,268.00		
Efficiency MB		\$10,000.00		
Cropo Grant				\$5,000.00
SubTotal Revenue	\$305,700.00	\$94,475.00	\$1,300.00	\$339,128.92
Mission & Service	\$20,000.00			\$20,231.46
TOTAL REVENUE	\$325,700.00	\$94,475.00	\$1,300.00	\$359,360.38
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Care				
Salaries and Benefits	\$109,231.00			\$129,506.35
Allowances	\$3,860.00			\$1,792.39
SubTotal	\$113,091.00			\$131,298.74
Administrative Staff (1)				
Salaries/Benefits/Allowances	\$47,480.00			\$13,106.82
Contract Services	\$30,600.00			\$34,306.68
SubTotal	\$78,080.00			\$47,413.50
Operations				
Hydro (Electricity & Gas)	\$17,395.00			\$16,458.80
Telephone/Cable	\$2,308.00			\$2,508.54

Water & Sewer	\$2,055.00			\$1,271.99
General Maintenance	\$10,600.00			\$13,264.68
Insurance, property taxes	\$11,000.00			\$9,505.75
Interest (2)	\$0.00	\$10,104.00		\$1.16
Elevator service	\$3,895.00			\$3,735.62
Roof and Solar Panels				
Furnace Replacement				
Other Green Plan		\$91,000.00		
New Green Plan Project		\$44,000.00		
Security System		\$15,000.00		
Audio Visual-Yale etc.		\$25,000.00		
Furniture & Appliances				\$6,326.14
Snow/Defib/Mats/Kitchen	\$6,095.00			\$4,158.85
SubTotal	\$53,348.00	\$185,104.00	\$0.00	\$57,231.53
Office Expenses				
Photo Copier Lease	\$2,000.00			\$1,163.38
Stationery and Supplies	\$500.00			\$1,551.09
Postage	\$300.00			\$189.08
Computer Software/Support	\$2,400.00			\$610.50
SubTotal	\$5,200.00			\$3,514.05
Teams				
Council (3)	\$1,700.00			\$5,277.42
Outreach	\$800.00			\$165.38
Learning	\$1,380.00			\$721.16
Admin & Sharing	\$0.00			\$0.00
Worship & Welcome	\$1,236.00			\$1,559.16
Ministry and Personal	\$1,385.00			\$1,160.00
Youth	\$0.00			\$0.00
SubTotal	\$6,501.00			\$8,883.12
United Church Assessment	\$15,185.00			\$11,489.00
Audit	\$4,100.00			\$4,000.00
Bank Charges	\$2,000.00			\$2,387.42
Food Bank	\$40,000.00			\$55,819.79
UCW	\$3,000.00			\$1,604.86
Misc	\$500.00			\$425.00
SubTotal	\$64,785.00			\$75,726.07
Expenses SubTotal	\$321,005.00	\$185,104.00		\$324,067.01
Mission and Service	\$20,000.00			\$20,231.46

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$341,005.00	\$185,104.00	\$0.00	\$344,298.47
Surplus (deficit)	-\$15,305.00	-\$90,629.00	\$1,300.00	\$15,061.91

1. Includes additional costs for Office Administrator for 12 months and SS and Youth Coordinator for 9 months.
2. Principle and Interest on United Church Loan
3. Includes our share of moving expenses for Minister