

# VISIONS UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

A CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Visions United Church

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**OPEN DOORS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN HANDS - OPEN HEARTS**



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welcoming a diversity of people  
Celebrating and exploring  
in faith together  
Reaching out in love  
Daring to make a difference  
one act of kindness at a time*

Visions United is a congregation of the United Church of Canada and a partner of the Community Hub on Joyce. We are a spiritual community, welcoming a diversity of people, celebrating and exploring together, reaching out in love, daring to make a difference one act of kindness at a time.

In 2011, two congregations came together in faith to build a new church family. Recognizing that “traditional” was not effective in growing our church, we sought to create a different kind of faith community, fueled by new ideas of what the church could be and how it could be made more relevant to those seeking faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Since 2011, Visions United has developed a unique personality and culture that reflects who we are, what we believe, and how we live our faith. What brings us together is our values of Extravagant Openness, Innovative Spiritual Growth, Abundant Generosity, and Uncommon Boldness. What makes Visions United unique is HOW we LIVE those values every day.

In the spring of 2016, the Congregational Leadership Team and Rev. Shawn Redden began the enVisions 20/20 process to reflect on our experience of Visions and to give voice to our emerging hopes for the future. A strategic plan was established which includes a new mission/vision statement; core values and practices; goals and objectives; and an implementation plan. During the various stages of the strategic planning, it was decided that Visions would sell its temporary home in Stilesville and partner with the John Howard Society of Southeast New Brunswick to form a community hub where like-minded groups would gather to use the new building and share resources, with the purpose of improving lives of the people living in the community. Construction of the new Community Hub complex at 140 Joyce Avenue began in the summer of 2020 and was completed in October 2021. We opened our doors at the Community Hub on Joyce in November 2021.

In April 2020, Visions was recognized as a New Ministry initiative of the United Church of Canada by the Edge Network for Ministry Development. Core funding support of \$25,000 per year, over three years, assisted Visions to engage the community and develop our mission as part of the Community Hub ministry. In March of 2024, Rev Shawn Redden resigned and multiple projects were explored for continuing Visions Ministry. In September of 2024, Visions, working with Sackville United and Central United in a Collaborative Ministry Project sharing two full-time ministerial personnel, service leadership, and participating in joint activities was begun for a trial period of 18 months.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, a meeting was held to determine if Visions was willing to continue with the Collaborative Ministry. The congregation voted not to continue with the Collaborative. A follow-up meeting was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, there the members voted to disband the congregation.

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# Contact Information

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**Ministers:**

Rev. Lloyd Bruce (January - November),  
Julia Ye (Candidate: January- November; Minister- December),  
Rev. Audrey Louder (November & December)

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## Signing Officers

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**Operating Account:**

Terry MacTavish-Hawkes (Treasurer)

Glenna Lightfoot (Trustee)

Charene Slupsky (Bookkeeper)

Anna Peters (CLT Chair)

**Investment Account:**

Cecil Briggs (Trustee)

Glenna Lightfoot (Trustee)

Ross Thompson (Trustee)

# Our History

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On May 1, 2011, Visions United Church was formed by the amalgamation of Humphrey Memorial United Church, 95 Massey Ave., Moncton, and Stilesville United Church, 1270 Gorge Rd., Stilesville. The former Humphrey Memorial property was sold on March 1, 2012 to Water & Wine Assembly of Christians. The former Stilesville property was transferred to Visions United on November 22, 2012. This property was renamed the Visions Stilesville Campus & Community Centre.

Spirit Gatherings (Worship Services) were held on Saturday afternoons at The First Church of the Nazarene, 21 Fieldcrest Dr., Moncton from May 1, 2011 to the end of October 2012. Gatherings were moved to Sunday mornings and held at the Empire Theatre, 127 Trinity Dr., Moncton from November 2012 to June 2015. Beginning August 2015, Spirit Gatherings were relocated to the Great Room in the Stilesville Campus. In March 2020 the Stilesville Campus was sold and due to Covid19, Spirit Gatherings were online from April 2020 through the fall of 2021 for viewing at [visionsunited.ca](http://visionsunited.ca).

As a founding partner of the Community Hub on Joyce, Visions moved into our new home at 140 Joyce Avenue in November 2021. Advent 2021 Spirit Gatherings were held in person before moving back online for a brief time due to the ongoing pandemic. Since Lent 2022 Sprit Gatherings have been held in-person and livestreamed from the Community Hub on Joyce.

In April of 2024, the congregation voted to join two other United Churches (Central and Sackville) in a Collaborative Ministry Project. From the end of August 2024-November 2025, two full-time ministerial positions served the three congregations on a rotational delivery of Sunday services and joint pastoral care. In December of 2025 one of the full-time ministers resigned and a half time minster was hired for the remainder of the Project (end of February 2026). For each church service, one of the congregations hosted the livestream event for the others to view or originally to participate in jointly. The service rotation has been adjusted twice to try and address the needs of the ministerial team and the congregations with technological challenges. Currently, the services are held in two sites (one hosting the livestream) while the third congregation prepares its own service and/or watches the livestream. A Zoom component is available for members to participate in on Sundays as well as for meetings.

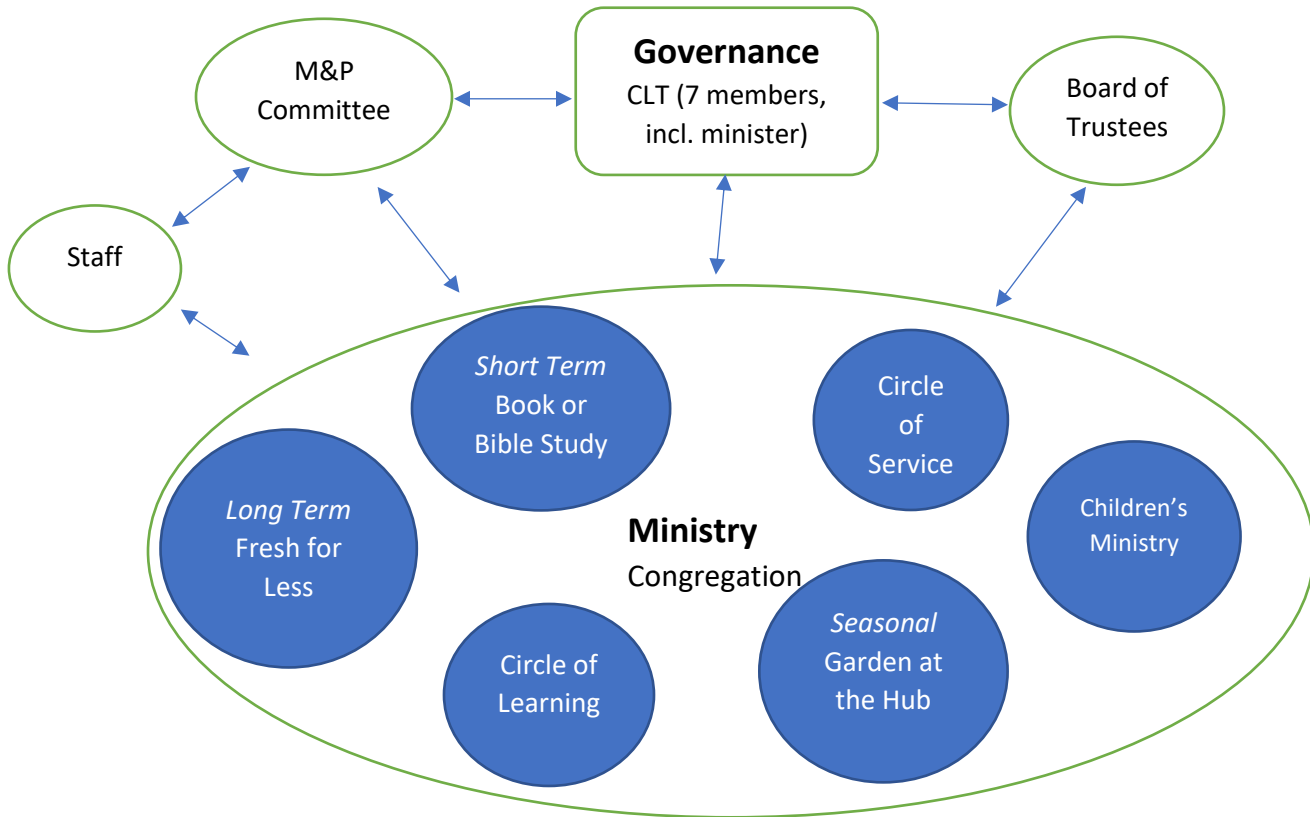
Visions has been served by six Ministry Personnel since its inception: Rev. Christine MacLeod (November 2011 - November 2014); Rev. Catherine Gaw (November 2014 -January 31, 2016, part-time Retired Supply); and Rev. Dr. Shawn Redden (February 10, 2016 – May 2024). Then as part of Collaborative Ministry Project - Rev. Lloyd Bruce (August 2024-November 2025); Rev. Julia Ye Ministerial Candidate - August 2024-November 2025; Ordained in November 2025 - present) and Rev. Audrey Lounder (November 2025 - Present).

Music Directors include Daphna Pearson (September 2011-April 2022) and Martha Shaw (November 2022-present). The following have served as office administrators: Carolyn Cameron (2011); Karen Geldart (2011-2016); Kristen McGraw (2016-2019); Tanya Melanson (2019); Emily Smith (2019-September 2022); Charene Slupsky Office Administrator (volunteer, September 2022–December 2023 then contracted September 2024 - present); and Tricia Dixon (January 2024 -August 2024).

# Visions Organizational Chart

Visions adopted a new model of Governance, "Governance as Spiritual Practice and Congregational Ministry as Circles of Learning and Service," November 1, 2022. This is a streamlined board model of governance with a smaller Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) and two standing committees, Trustees and Ministry & Personnel (M&P). The document outlining this new model, was approved by the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council in December 2022 and presented to the Congregation for final approval at the Congregational AGM, March 5, 2023. A copy of the document is included in those AGM Minutes. In this model the CLT meets twice monthly, once with the other governing bodies of the Collaborative for the Spiritual Grounding session, and once for the monthly business meeting

**Governance Structure (Streamlined Board Model)**  
**Governance as Spiritual Practice and**  
**Congregational Ministry as Circles of Service & Learning**  
*(\*Circles in the modal are provided as examples only)*



Reviewed and updated in October, 2024

# Reflections from the Ministry Team

## Rev. Lloyd Bruce

Greetings to each of you and thank you for the opportunity to offer ministry with you and among you. As I write this brief report I am fully immersed in this new work as Regional Minister for Pastoral Relations and Community of Faith Support. The work is rich, challenging and rewarding – but I still miss each of you!

Daily I am reminded how my eight (almost nine) years with the Sackville Pastoral Charge and the past nine months with the Collaborative Ministry Pilot Project (including Central United and Visions United) in team with Julia Ye, has prepared me for the variety of tasks I face each day.

I wish you all, each of you individually, and collectively as individual communities of faith, every good wish and offer a prayer for your future ministry on behalf of the Church in the world:

Love who calls us into being,  
Love who gathers this United Church of Canada:  
one unique expression of Jesus' beloved community –  
may we have vision and hope for the future.

May we look forward,  
and dare to believe  
that even among us  
even in this very place  
new things are possible.

Love is at work among us!  
Love is doing a new thing!  
Amen.



(the Rev.) Lloyd A. Bruce  
Minister, Collaborative Ministry Pilot Project (September 2024 – October 2025)

## Rev. Julia Ye

"It was a challenging, blessed and fruitful year."

I worked with adaptation and courage through challenges and changes on Sunday services associated with technical issues such as integrated livestream between two locations. While being responsible for planning, coordinating, facilitating, and offering leadership at one of three Sunday Gatherings within the Collaborative each Sunday; and working as a Ministry Team with Rev. Lloyd, later Rev. Audrey, I planned and offered leadership at weekly liturgies and composed reflections that demonstrated ways to engage and support a wide cross-section of persons from each of the communities of faith.

I served within large church and in local community, being part of a worship leadership team at Southeast New Brunswick United Churches 100th anniversary service, Rockport UC, Drew Nursing home, supporting and participating in various projects and events such as Pride Parade, Seniors for Climate, Nursing Home without Walls.

I provided and supported regular opportunities for faith exploration/development among the Collaborative, including grounding/celebration gatherings (e.g., Chinese New Year, spiritual inventory), emphasizing and integrating Children's Time in Sunday services; shared leading weekly lectionary study, and monthly meditation walks for two locations.

I provided spiritual guidance and emotional support for individuals of the Collaborative congregations through intentional planning for pastoral visits and phone calls; planned and joint-officiated funerals; and provided spiritual support and guidance to groups and communities of faith during change and time of transition.

I chaired or participated every Collaborative Commission meeting and most of the meetings among three governing bodies; organized and delivered input to three Office Administrators on time; and collaborated well with both them and Committees, handling assigned responsibilities efficiently.

One important thing for all three congregations was the voting for post-collaborative in early October. After the vote, in late October, I was ordained in Ontario, closely followed by Lloyd's leaving, but with gratitude we welcomed Audrey in joining our ministry team.

I believe the pilot has been a great opportunity and an experimental experience for everyone. Clergy and staff, lay leaders and congregations, whoever actively participated in it, have learned and grown.

It has been my privilege to work with all of you and to learn from you. I could never say "thank you" enough to each of you and to the three beloved congregations.

*Blessings, Julia Ye*

## Congregational Leadership Team

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### Chair's Message

This is my first and last message for Visions Annual Report. That more than a little disheartening as this is our 15<sup>th</sup> year as Visions United Church and it is now coming to an end. We spent considerable time meeting with other congregations before we were finally able to come together from Stilesville and Humphrey Memorial and Visions was born. We have created a community of spiritual people with open hearts and minds, making a difference where they live and in this world. We have been fortunate to have leaders who challenged and supported us as we tried new things on our journey.

Our hopes and dreams as we became a partner with JHS, have not been as we anticipated but we have certainly tried to be a part of the community in which we found ourselves. The Fresh for Less program was an attempt to provide fresh produce at a reasonable price, and we were sorry to see that relationship end. The "Blessing of the Backpacks" a few years ago was an amazing event with so many children present from the surrounding community.

The Collaborative was an exciting opportunity for us to expand our community to include Central and Sackville congregations. That has also presented challenges that we have worked to overcome. Hopefully, there has been some learning from this experience that can be shared with other groups as the "Clusters" continue to meet.

For several years, I was on a Lifelong Learning Committee at Presbytery, which no longer exists and is widely missed. Being part of Visions has extended the goal of lifelong learning as we continue to travel by faith into the future. We try to hold onto some of our past but at the same time look for ways to bring new ideas to enrich our lives. I am not sure where I will find a new community of faith as I am so entrenched with Visions but I will have to find one.

Many thanks to all our faithful folk who have given of their time & talents over the past 15 years. I can't help but think of Peggy Renton and her work to find the land where the Hub is built. She was certainly one of the many faithful as we were on that part of our journey.

Anna Peters, CLT Chair

## Pastoral Charge Statistics

### Pastoral Charge Statistics

<i>Membership</i> – December 31, 2024 -	<b>197</b>
Added by Confirmation (Youth)	0
Added by Confirmation (Adult)	0
Added by Transfer / Certificate	0
Added – Administrative Correction	0
Removed by Death	3
Removed by Transfer/Certificate	0
Removed by Request/Action	0
Removed - Administrative Correction	3

*Total Membership* – December 31, 2025 - **191**

Resident Members (Active/Inactive Members)	156
Non-Resident Members	35

### *Households under Pastoral Care* (Active/Inactive Members, Active/Inactive Adherents)

December 31, 2024 -	<b>141</b>
Removed in 2025 -	8
Added in 2025 -	1
December 31, 2025 -	<b>134</b>

### MARRIAGES

Name of Spouse	Name of Spouse	Date of Marriage
None in 2025		

### BAPTISMS (Child)

Name	Parents	Date of Baptism
None in 2025		

### BAPTISMS/CONFIRMATION (Youth/Adult)

Name	Baptism/Confirmation	Date
None in 2025		

## DEATH/FUNERALS/MEMORIAL SERVICES

\*Member

Conducted by Visions and recorded in the Church Registry.

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Place of Burial/Date of Service
None in 2025		

## IN MEMORIAM – Friends and members of Visions

\*Member - Service funeral conducted elsewhere and not recorded in Church Registry

Name of Deceased	Date of Death
Dianne Cochran	February 25, 2025
*Esther Pauley	October 14, 2025
*Arthur (Art) Vautour-Toole	November 22, 2025
*Ruby Hayward	Reported deceased in December 2025

## TRANSFERS – MEMBERS IN

Name	Date	From
None in 2025		

## TRANSFERS/CERTIFICATES/REMOVALS – MEMBERS OUT

Name	Date	To
None in 2025		

*Respectfully submitted, Charene Slupsky*

# Congregational Leadership Team

## CLT Report

*The Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) is the governing body of the congregation. The CLT consists of seven members (the minister and six congregants), known as Vision Keepers. These congregants intentionally tend the connection between the governance and ministry of our faith community, and the gifts of individuals within the congregation.*

The CLT includes Anna Peters (Chair), Terry MacTavish Hawkes (Treasurer), Fay Cameron (Secretary), Carla Bourque, John Russell and Jim Slupsky. Rev. Lloyd Bruce (January – October) and Julia Ye (Candidate for Ministry) were our Collaborative Ministry team. Peter Lightfoot (CMPP) remains a CLT Member-at-Large.

Meetings are held on the first Monday and Wednesday of each month except August. The first meeting is a Spiritual Grounding Session led by the ministry team. The second meeting is for business. Reports are received from the Collaborative Ministry Pilot Project Commission (CMPP Commission), Ministry and Personnel (M&P), the Treasurer and the Trustees.

Visions opened the year with a positive bottom line due in large part to the reduced costs from a shared ministry team. The balance for the lease fund at year end was higher than expected. In addition, we made \$6,500 on our investments which made up for some of the loss in our investments a few years previous. Visions began the work of creating a timeline to determine what we would do as a congregation post collaborative.

In February, Visions Storm Policy was updated. The CMPP set up an M&P Committee, on which John Russell agreed to serve. A picnic table will be purchased to share amongst the three Communities of Faith in celebration of the United Church's 100 Anniversary in June. CLT drafted an Easter letter which was distributed on the first Sunday in March.

On Ash Wednesday, Visions hosted "Soup & Ashes" at the HUB for the Collaborative. Rev Audrey Louder led a World Café process, which thirty-five people attended. Visions joined Central for worship and an auction for Pie Day. Visions held our AGM at the end of March. Bob Christie finished his term as CLT Chair and Anna Peters took over.

In April, Visions joined Central for Easter Sunday worship. CLT continued its work on a proposal for Visions post Collaborative. Visions donated Visions Aid Funds to Inclusion Advocacy, Camp Ta-wa-si and the Salvus Clinic.

At the end of April and into May, Julia Ye led Sunday afternoon meditations in parks in Moncton and Sackville. We celebrated Camping Sunday with Rev Catherine Stewart. The congregation collected supplies for Camp Ta-wa-si and individuals donated funds. Planning for the 100 Anniversary of the UCC continued. Anna Peters and Fay Cameron, Visions' Regional representatives, attended the combined FSLDW and Bermuda NS AGM at Mount Allison University in Sackville.

We began June celebrating the 100 Anniversary of the UCC jointly with area congregations at St John's United Church. The CLT received the World Café report from Rev Audrey Louder, which was shared with the congregation. Anna and Fay completed the UCC Structural Change Evaluation Survey, which evaluated the UCC transition from conferences into regions back in 2019-20. A postcard was received from Minto United Church in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan as one of the activities initiated to celebrate the UCC 100 Anniversary. The CLT compiled and distributed our Summer Newsletter.

In July, Visions donated funds to Crossroads for Women from our Visions Aid Funds. Based on the World Café Report, Rev Audrey Louder compiled four options. The CLT agreed to drop one option and agreed with presenting the other three to congregation in the fall. Following Spirit Gathering, Visions held a picnic at the 100 Anniversary picnic table in the HUB Garden before our Sabbath break. Everyone was to bring their own lunch.

In August Visions took a sabbath pause for five Sundays. The 100 Anniversary picnic table moved to Central for the month. Members from Visions took part in the Moncton Pride Parade.

In September, Rev Audrey Louder facilitated a conversation with the congregation entitled "Two possible Courses of Direction Toward February 2026". The CLT voted to adopt the UCC policy "Creating Safe and Respectful Environments Operating Procedure"

World Communion Sunday was celebrated on October 5 and Visions voted not to continue with the Collaborative after February 2026. Rev Lloyd Bruce requested a Change in Pastoral Relations. Lloyd led Visions through a process "Discerning the Next Pathway Beyond February 2026". We celebrated Lloyd's last Sunday with the Collaborative; and later the same day we celebrated Julia's ordination.

Rev Audrey Louder joined the Collaborative Ministry Team on a part time basis in November. We entered Advent using worship resources from "A Sanctified Art". The Christmas Newsletter was compiled and distributed.

December began with a congregational meeting, which sadly resulted in a vote to disband Visions effective May 31, 2026. Martha Shaw led us in a Spirit Gathering of Lessons & Carols and a piece played by the Bell Choir. On Christmas Eve, Visions joined with Central United church to celebrate, once again, Christ's holy birth.

*Respectfully submitted, Fay Cameron*

## CLT Members - 2025

### **Congregational Officers:**

Chair: Peter Lightfoot

Secretary: Anna Peters

Treasurer: Terry MacTavish-Hawkes

### **Congregational Leadership Team Vision Keepers:**

Bob Christie (Chair – January-March)

Anna Peters (Chair – April- December)

Fay Cameron (Secretary)

Terry MacTavish-Hawkes (Treasurer)

Jim Slupsky

Carla Bourque

Peter Lightfoot

John Russell

Rev Lloyd Bruce (January-October)

Rev Julia Ye (Ordained in October)

### **Standing Committees:**

#### **Ministry & Personnel:**

John Russell (Chair)

Joan Hawkes

Trudy Colpitts (January-April)

Carla Bourque (May-December)

#### **Trustees:**

Glenna Lightfoot (Chair)

Cecil Briggs

Ross Thompson

Rev. Lloyd Bruce (ex officio) (January-October)

Rev Julia Ye (ex officio) (November-December)

#### **Regional Representatives Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters**

Anna Peters

Fay Cameron

## Team Reports

### Ministry & Personnel

*The role of the Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Team is to provide support and facilitate two-way communication between the Congregation and Ministry Personnel/Staff members.*

The M&P Team members are Joan Hawkes and John Russel. John was appointed Chair.

Ministry Personnel and Staff included:

- Martha Shaw, Music Director
- Charene Slupsky, Contracted Office Administrator (Jan-Dec)

As the ministers, Julia Ye and Lloyd Bruce (to Oct 2025), then Audrey Lounder, are under appointment by the Collaborative Commission, and we have contracted the administrative tasks (to Charene Slupsky), Visions M&P

committee was just responsible for liaison with our music director, Martha Shaw, who continues to provide musical leadership to Visions United Church on piano, with the choir and bell choir and organising collaborative musical events with other United Churches in the area. M&P met with her as necessary to hear concerns and facilitate cooperation among the disparate and remote personnel.

*Respectfully submitted, John Russell and Joan Hawkes*

## **Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Representatives**

*The role of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Representatives (Regional Council 14) is to represent Visions United Community of Faith at the Regional meeting. The Regional Council members provide key communication updates between the Regional Council and their Community of Faith throughout the year. The Regional Council members may serve within the Regional Council governance structure.*

Visions Regional Representatives – Anna Peters and Fay Cameron

### **Report from FSLDW Regional AGM May 24, 2025 and May 30 - June 1, 2024**



The Business portion of the Annual General Meeting of Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW) Regional Council was held via Zoom on May 24, 2025 from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

#### **Reports were received from the following committees:**

- Affirm
- Archives and records
- Faith Formation and Education
- Financial and Mission Services
- Incorporated Ministries
- Justice, Mission and Outreach
- Nominations
- Pastoral Relations
- Property
- Regional Meeting Planning
- Tri-Region Staff Support

During this meeting, the Report of the Regional Evaluation was presented by Jenny Stephens. A hard copy of the final report will be provided to the Regional Representatives at a later date.

The FSLDW Regional Council met along with the Bermuda-NS Regional Council in-person for three days from May 30 to June 1 at the Tantramar Civic Centre. Accommodations and meals for this meeting were provided by Mount Allison University.

On Friday May 30, 2025 at 10:00 am a Service to Celebrate the Life and Ministry of Rev Kendall Harrison was held at Mount Allison University Chapel. Kendall was the Personal Minister for the FSLDW Region. He passed suddenly in March 2025.

President Sue Lamaistre (FSLDW) and President Rev Donna Tourneur (Bermuda-NS) presided over the three-day meeting, assisted by the Three Regions Executive Minister, Rev. Faith March-McCuish. Minutes for the annual meeting were recorded by Jennifer Taylor, a member of FSLDW, Bermuda-NS staff. Jennifer Whittemore, FSLDW, Bermuda-NS staff, oversaw many details for the AGM. In keeping with the 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the United Church of Canada on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the theme for this year's AGM was Deep Faith, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice. Photos from the UCC Archives were shown on giant screens at various points during Friday and Saturday. In addition, skits commemorating some of the events that happened over the last 100 years were acted out at various times on Friday and Saturday. These skits were written and directed by Rev Robin Brown-Hewitt.

The theme speaker for the meeting was Rev Janet Gear of Vancouver BC. Rev Gear gave her presentation in five sessions. Each session focused on the following five categories of lived faith: evangelical (messenger), ecclesial (servant), missional (neighbour), ecumenical (partner) and spiritual (pilgrim). These five categories are all integral parts of every congregation. Understanding how these five categories all work together for a successful church is foundational as we move forward into the next 25 years.

The candidate for President-Elect was Rev Rachael Campbell. Rachael is currently the minister of Trinity United Church in Summerside PEI. She has an extensive biography of her experience within the church as well as the communities where she has lived. Rachael will take up her role as President at the rise of FSLDW Regional Council AGM 2026.

**Candidates for Ordination on Sunday June 1:**

- Barbara Blois-MacNaughton, DLM, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- Lynda Angela Clifton, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- Jessica Ellinwood Crabtree, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- Katherine (Katie) Logan, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- Maxwell Rueben Martin, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- Dana Pardy, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- Rhoda M. Schfield, M.Div. (Bermuda-NS)
- William Marty Clark-Ettinger, DLM (Bermuda-NS)
- Marilyn Dale Crawford, DLM (Bermuda-NS)

**Recognition of a DLM:**

- Beverley Sharpe (FSLDW)

**FSLDW, Bermuda-NS JUBILARIANS**

The Reverend Chesley M Boutilier	55 years
The Reverend Gary F Clark	55 years
The Reverend Leslie M Jay	55 years
The Reverend Doctor Ronald (Ron) F Vincent	55 years
Carol Stevenson Seller, Diaconal Minister	60 years
The Reverend Ian K MacDonald	65 years

**FSLDW, Bermuda-NS Retirees**

- The Reverend Susan Estabrooks
- The Reverend Alice Finnemore
- The Reverend David A Luker
- The Reverend David (Neal) Palmer
- The Reverend John Roy
- The Reverend Mary L Tingley
- The Reverend Myles Vardy

## STAFF RETIREE

The Reverend Roger Janes

## STAFF ANNIVERSARY

The Reverend Catherine Stuart

5 Years

### **Memorial Observances**

The Reverend James Glynne Crooks

The Reverend Elizabeth Jane Davies

The Reverend Doctor Malcolm Colin Grant

The Reverend Kendall Emerson Harrison

The Reverend Robert (Bob) G Hutcheson

The Reverend Carolyn Vera (Fraser) MacLeod

Penelope (Penny) Postlewaite, Lay Pastoral Minister

The Reverend Lester M Settle

The Reverend Greta Ione Smith

The Reverend Kenneth Arthur Thomson

The Reverend Doctor Thomas G Whent

On June 10, 2025, the United Church of Canada will be celebrating it's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The meeting of the FSLDW, Bermuda-NS Regional Councils concluded on Saturday June 1 at 5:00pm. On Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am a Service of Celebration was held at the Tantramar Civic Centre and was led by Rev Donna Tourneur, Sue LaMaistre and Rev Faith March-McCuish. The sermon was given by the outgoing Bermuda-NS President, Donna Tourneur and the incoming FSLDW President, Hugh Ellis. At the conclusion of the Service, Rev Donna Tourneur, President of Bermuda-NS, turned over the symbols of office to incoming President Rev Mary Taylor, Bermuda-NS; and Sue LaMaistre, President of FSLDW turned over the symbols of office to incoming President Hugh Ellis, FSLDW.

*Respectfully submitted by Visions Representatives, Anna Peters and Fay Cameron*

## **Trustees**

*The Trustees hold all real property of the congregation in trust for the United Church of Canada.*

There is no Property Team since our church property was sold in 2020.

The Trustee team met twice in 2025.

Members are Glenna Lightfoot (Chairperson), Ross Thompson and Cecil Briggs. Rev. Lloyd Bruce (ex-officio member) attended each meeting.

The Trustees hold responsibility for the IG Wealth Management Portfolio. All money is held "in trust" for the United Church of Canada. The Portfolio is 20% Equity and 80% Government Bonds. The opening 2025 value was \$101,624.22. The closing value (Dec. 31) was \$81,846.24, due to two withdrawals of \$15,000 and \$10,000 to cover operating expenses.

The Trustee Team is responsible for Visions' insurance policy with oversight of the monthly payments to HUB International Ontario Limited-UCC Protect.

There are four teams of volunteers who work as Visions Key Holders, opening up and closing up the HUB building on Sunday mornings. The Team members are Glenna & Peter Lightfoot, Lila & Cecil Briggs, Claudia

Schaerer & Fernand Daigle, and Norma Belamy, John Russell & Linda Higgins. They set up all furnishings for the service and store everything away when the service is completed.

The Trustee Team is also responsible for the maintenance of the Dover Cemetery. We have employed a man who lives in the area to mow and keep the cemetery tidy. In 2025 he was paid \$800.00 for his service.

Looking forward, the Trustees will play a major part in the disbanding of Visions. The team will supply a complete inventory of all property (furnishings, money, bank accounts, investments, equipment) to the Regional FSLDW Property Committee with a suggested plan for disposal of all assets. Following approval (with or without changes by the Region) the Team will then act on the disposal of assets.

*Respectfully Submitted, Glenna Lightfoot, Chair*

## **Collaborative Ministry Pilot Project – Visions’ Commissioners Report**

During this past year—months 5 to 16 of our 18-month Collaborative Ministry Pilot—Central United, Sackville United, and Visions United stepped boldly into shared ministry together. This season invited experimentation and flexibility as our three communities of faith explored new ways of leading, worshipping and sharing together.

Our two ministry personnel were present in person with different communities each Sunday on a rotating basis, sharing responsibility for the preparation and leadership of worship and preaching. Sermons and liturgy were initially shared across congregations through “modern technological wonders,” allowing us to be connected across locations. As the year progressed, this format evolved into more presential approaches that better supported participation and community engagement.

Music, too, followed a learning curve—beginning as a shared virtual offering and gradually returning to locally led singing within each worship space. By year’s end, the collaborative ministry had settled into a pattern in which each congregation facilitated a “Faith Exploration” Sunday every third week. These services often invited and empowered increased lay leadership and participation, with occasional support from supply leaders. Throughout the year, live-streamed worship and recorded services was available as an alternative means of sharing worship for individuals or congregations.

As Visions United began discerning its future beyond the pilot period, intentional reflection was invited across all three communities of faith. Conversations, surveys of members and adherents, and thoughtful engagement helped surface the pilot’s successes, challenges, and hopes for change. In September 2025, each congregation voted on its preferred direction following the pilot’s conclusion. Visions United voted by a large majority not to continue in collaborative ministry, while Sackville United voted to continue, and Central United narrowly voted against continuation.

The year also marked transitions and celebrations in ministry leadership. Collaborative Ministry clergy Rev. Lloyd Bruce moved on to a regional role with Fundy—St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region in November. Rev. Julia (Huanyun) Ye was ordained on October 26, 2025, by Shining Waters Region—a joyful milestone celebrated with a shared viewing party at Sackville United. To support Rev. Julia following Rev. Lloyd’s departure, a part-time contract was arranged with Rev. Audrey Louder.

Collaboration extended beyond Sunday worship into rich shared experiences throughout the year. These included a Chinese New Year dinner hosted at Central United, an Ash Wednesday potluck at Visions’ Community Hub on Joyce, and a Maundy Thursday communal meal with meditative foot washing at Sackville United. Members from all three communities attended the Fundy—St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Celebration of Ministry service together in person. Leadership volunteers gathered regularly for communal spiritual grounding, both online and in person. Reflective walks in nature took place in regional parks, and Tuesday morning online liturgy reflections provided ongoing spiritual connection. Sharing among the congregations fostered combined outreach opportunities and the collaborative organised two 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary tables – one in Sackville and one in Moncton.

Central United joined Visions for an Easter worship, while a joint Christmas Eve service held at Central United, alongside a separate Christmas Eve service at Sackville United—each lovingly presided over by one of the Collaborative Ministry’s ministers.

Through experimentation, prayer, discernment, and shared leadership, this pilot year offered valuable learning and meaningful connection. While the discerned paths forward differ among the congregations, the relationships formed and insights gained during this collaborative journey will continue to shape and inform ministry in each community of faith.

We give thanks for all who contributed their time, leadership, creativity, and prayer to this Collaborative Ministry Pilot Project. We are especially grateful to our ministry personnel—Rev. Lloyd Bruce, Rev. Julia (Huanyun) Ye, Rev. Audrey Lounder and growth-animator for the region, Rev. Sharon Ballantyne—for their faithful, flexible, and compassionate leadership during a season of significant experimentation and transition. We also thank volunteer worship leaders, technical volunteers, and participants across Central United, Sackville United, and Visions United whose openness and generosity made this shared journey possible. While this chapter of collaboration draws to a close, the relationships, learning, and spiritual growth nurtured through this pilot remain a blessing that will continue to inform and enrich our collective United Church ministry going forward.

*Respectfully submitted, Visions Commissioners: Peter Lightfoot and John Russell*

## Circles of Service and Learning

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*Circles are focused on the ministry and mission of the congregation, which is shared by all. Anyone can propose a new idea, and anyone can choose to participate! Our ‘Community Connections Board’ at the Hub and our weekly e-news provide current opportunities. The CLT Vision Keepers are responsible for monitoring the Connection Board and to encourage new ideas.*

The following is a summary of the various Circles of Service and Learning from January 2025 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

### **One Time, Seasonal & Social Events**

Ash Wednesday supper/service (Mar 5, 2025)  
Lenten Bible Study by Zoom – Cultivating Stillness  
Earth Day - Trash Pickup on Joyce (May 12, 2026)  
Games Afternoons (monthly)  
UCW Ta-Wa-Si Supply Drive  
Meditation Walks with Julia (monthly)  
Garden Planting & Harvesting Days (various - Apr, Jun, Oct)  
Special Service Planning – (World Café, Camp Day, 100 Tables – UCC Anniversary project  
River of Pride Parade (August 2025)  
United Church 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service (Jun 8<sup>th</sup>)

### **Ongoing Circles – New participants are welcome anytime!**

Book Club (Monthly)  
Choir (weekly)  
Handbell Choir (weekly each session: Jan-Feb, Apr-May, & Nov-Dec)  
Congregational Caring Circle (Visitation & Card ministry)  
‘Fresh for Less’ Program Volunteers (monthly)  
Hub Garden Committee (seasonal)  
Hospitality - Conversation Café & Greeters  
Sunday Key Holder Volunteers  
UCW (United Church Women) (Monthly Small Group)

Outreach Circle of Service (meets quarterly) and includes projects such as the following:

- Karing Kitchen
- Second Mile Food Bank
- ReConnect including Can & Bottle Recycling
- Back to School Project – School Supplies for children in need
- Toyland – Moncton Headstart
- Winter socks, hats, and mitts for Youth Quest and JHS Homeless Initiative
- Tim Horton's Gift cards for JHS Homeless Initiative
- Calendars for Springhill & Dorchester Institutions

## **Book Club Circle**

Our Book Club began at Humphrey Memorial began almost 23 years ago and we have read a lot of books since then. Our members include folks from our congregation as well as others from the community. We meet on the third Friday of the month from September until June, excluding December. Our meetings are held in the Common Room at 190 Carson Drive from 2:00 until approximate 4:00. Occasionally, we extend our meeting and enjoy a Potluck supper together.

We select our books for the year by asking for suggestions and recommendations from members and then we select books from the list that is compiled. I am hoping to do this in June so folks can refer to the list for their summer reading. We try to vary the genre, so we are sometimes challenged to read something we haven't tried before. We consider fiction and nonfiction. Everyone enjoys a "lighthearted" read now and then. We have discussion questions and share opinions on the books beyond just like or don't like. The list is posted on the Circle of Learning Board at the Hub so it is available to anyone interested in joining or just looking for a book suggestion.

*Respectfully submitted, Anna Peters*

## **Children's Ministry Circle**

For 2025, April Williams continued providing leadership for the Children's Program until the end of July at a rate of \$35.00/Sunday. In The fall, April went to university and as there were no other volunteers to fill in there was no program. Since September, a table with some activity materials is placed in the Grand Room for the use of any children who come to service.

The Godly Play furniture and story materials are still placed in the minister's old office. Shawn's personal story items have been returned to her, and some have been replaced with materials that belong to Visions. The storytelling materials borrowed from Godly Play Maritimes in Sackville remain on the shelving unit.

Children and Grandchildren of the Congregation: 2

- 1 child attended regularly.
- 1 other child attended on one or more occasion.

The average attendance was 1 child per Sunday.

*Respectfully submitted, Charene Slupsky*

## **Congregational Caring Circle**

This past year our three serving members (including a ministerial representative) have met three times to facilitate meeting the needs of the 13 people on our Pastoral Care list. Ten of these people are in assisted living facilities while the other three remain in their own homes.

We continue to send out special occasion cards as well as sympathy cards; make phone calls and do some home visitations; one special celebration of note was Dorothy Manderson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party this summer.

*Respectfully submitted, Helen Halfpenny and Norma Bellamy*

## **Exploring Collaborative/Cooperative Ministry in Southeast NB: Churches United of SENB**

This Circle of Service, formed in mid-2023 with the name Collaborative/Cooperative Ministry Group, changed its name in January 2025 to Churches United of Southeast New Brunswick to avoid confusion with the Central/Sackville/Visions Collaborative Ministry.

Churches United of SENB functions as a cluster, with Visions United being one of ten Communities of Faith (COF) who have been meeting regularly. In 2025, our focus was on organizing the UCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at St. John's United Church. The service, a joint celebratory service for 18 COFs located within the southeast region of New Brunswick, was attended by 450-500 persons. A reception was held after the service.

Churches United of SENB met six times to plan this event, with 11 ministers and six music directors actively involved (including Rev. Lloyd, Rev. Julia and Martha). We were successful in obtaining two grants to cover the event's expenses, with Visions United managing the funds. A debriefing meeting was held after the event to capture lessons learned. Overall, there was a very high level of satisfaction with the event. Many attendees expressed interest in having more collaborative events in the future.

Church members suggested a large number of hymns that they wanted included in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary service, but only a few could be included. As a compromise, a Celebration Hymn Sing was held on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> at Mount Royal UC, with our music director being one of the key organizers.

At the November meeting of Churches United of SENB, preliminary plans were shared for a meeting to be held with Regional Council representatives in early 2026 to discuss the formation of a more formal cluster group.

*Respectfully submitted by Peter Lightfoot and Claudia Schaerer*

## **Fresh for Less Circle of Service**

Visions participation with the Fresh for Less program started February of 2022 and ended in January of 2026. Fresh for Less was a food purchasing club created to help families and individuals have year-round access to fresh fruit and vegetable at affordable prices, bulk ordering helped lower the cost for everyone.

The Program was a collaboration of staff and volunteers from Visions United, John Howard Society, St. Phillips Anglican, Township of Salisbury office, and other generous volunteers. This year found many changes to how the program has functioned. The space for setup and running of the program changed and the number of volunteers diminished. With less available space, there was no more day before preparation of bins/bags and potatoes. We send a special thank you to those volunteers who assisted with those tasks in our previous years!

While Visions remained responsible for the administration, as well as deliveries to our few remaining Greater Moncton clients including NBCC, these duties expanded in the Fall to setting up the bags/bins and ordering the produce. The John Howard Society had many internal changes to staffing, so over time their ability to do more than help the day of the orders was restricted. St Phillip's continued to help packing orders and facilitating the delivery to People's Park Tower (PPT). A special thank you to them for their dedication to the program.

The bulk of deliveries went to individuals and groups (PPT, Salisbury, and NBCC). In May of 2025 NBCC's Student Service person, who organized their orders, retired and there were no more orders placed by NBCC. Orders remained constant for Salisbury residents (10-12) and PPT (25-29).

There were new clients, some who were single purchase orders and some who have been consistent purchasers, but we have lost more than we gained. This year we went from an average of 68 orders in January, February, and March to 40 in September (our lowest ever) back up to 56 in November.

A special thank you to the dedicated volunteers who have helped over the years in keeping the program operational: Jill and Charlotte Baycroft; Norma Bellamy; Lila and Cecil Briggs; Barry and Donna Connery; Fernand Daigle; Mike and Tricia Dixon; Phyllis Furlong; Glenna and Peter Lightfoot; Anna and Bill Peters; Peggy White, Koi Winters; and especially Jocelyne Quann.

*Respectfully submitted: Charene Slupsky, Administrator*

## **Hub Garden Circle of Service**

Garden @ Community Hub on Joyce

This was the fifth season for the garden and still prepping beds for the future. Various volunteers, both groups and individuals were involved this year, with Organigram IT employees participating on two occasions and United Way's Day of Caring organizing crews from Cavendish, Irving Tissue and Medavie, with tiller delivery by Ermen Plumbing. MAGMA had two activity evenings at the garden, one being a learning event facilitated by Riverview's community garden employee, Alicia Clarkson. Other community space users at the Hub volunteered as well.

Four raised boxes (constructed last year) were put into operation as sub-irrigated planters, which should reduce watering requirements and ease garden experiences by people with physical limitations. Trellis material was acquired and posts installed but still need to string wires.

Vegetables gradually disappeared, so cilantro, corn, eggplant, tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and peppers (hot and bell) seemed to be put to use. Carrots didn't germinate, tomato production was low this year, the turnips certainly lacked nutrients and cucumber beetles, and squash bugs were an issue with the vine crops, but more could have picked beans and food gatherers didn't find all the potatoes, so we dug those late in the year.

The gazebo remains a popular gathering spot (and pigeon hangout) and was more respected this year. Our colourful 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada picnic table was front and centre for the first part of the summer.

Thanks to Pablo and Carmelle for organisation, summer kid camp crew Tim, Hope, and Riley, JHS summer students Chris, Paige, and Sue; Ablavi and Isabelle who planted; Claude, Thalia, and her group; Amélie, Penny, and Carly; Celeste and friends for weeding; several Hub residents who watered, whipper snipped, turned compost, and picked up litter daily Greg, Aaron, Mark, Matt, and Chris; and of course the kids who.... at least increased the energy of the space!

*Submitted by John Russell, or "Gardener" as some of the kids named me this summer*

## Hospitality Circle

### Conversation Café

Lila Briggs and Linda Higgins, June Kelly, Norma Bellamy and Anna Peters took turns setting out coffee, tea, juice and cookies at 9:30 am for Conversation Café each Sunday. Jane Aikman as coordinator made sure there was milk, cream and juice on hand, using a Sobeys card provided by Visions. Anna Peters picked up coffee when needed.

### Greeters

One of the keyholders acts as a Greeter each Sunday, putting out the nametags, welcoming people and making sure newcomers have a nametag.

*Respectfully submitted, Jane Aikman*

## Music Ministry - Choir and Handbells

This year Visions' Music Ministry had a Spirit-filled year with participation from many musicians. We are always happy to have John Foster accompanying the music on his whistles. This year we welcomed the Son family to Visions and enjoyed having Seong Kyun accompany the music on his guitar. Visions United is very gifted with musicians and each one is greatly appreciated!

Martha filled in at Sackville United and Central United on occasion. Visions welcomed Jennie Del Motte for a Sunday in July. We are always grateful for Peter Lightfoot's talent and willingness to fill in as needed.

Choir and Handbell choir practiced on a regular basis with an average of eight in attendance for each choir. This year the choir prepared to sing during most of the weekly Spirit Gatherings. The Handbell Choir performed during three of our services. We always enjoy our time together, learning, progressing and laughing along the way.

Visions attended and participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service at St. John's United as well as the Hymn Sing at Mount Royal United.

*Respectfully submitted, Martha Shaw, Music Director*

## Outreach Circle of Service

The Outreach Circle of Service met three times in 2025: by Zoom on March 27, and after worship on July 6 and October 19. The meetings are open to everyone but were attended only by a faithful few: Jane Aikman, coordinator, John Foster, Glenna Lightfoot, Anna Peters, John Russell and Charene Slupsky. Anna Peters took notes of items to be brought to CLT.

CLT approved our requests for 5 donations of \$300 each from the Vision Aid Fund for Camp Ta-Wa-Si, the Salvus Clinic, Inclusion Advocacy and Crossroads for Women (twice) and 3 donations of \$500 **each** for the Second Mile Food Bank, Open Sky Cooperative and the John Howard Society (for Tim Hortons cards for the homeless).

**Headstart Toyland** Glenna Lightfoot looked after donations once again. The gift cards' value was \$1,110. With cash donations of \$1,420, the total was \$2,530. ***Our total donation since 2013 is \$23,250!***

**Karing Kitchen** A bucket is put out for donations the first Sunday of every month. This brought in a total of \$2429.65. Sackville United contributed an additional \$144.16 in 2025 towards this Outreach Project.

**Reconnect** From the jar available every Sunday for donations \$2619.55 was collected. \$218 of this came from empty cans and bottles from the Hub and others brought to John Foster to take for recycling.

**Camp Ta-Wa-Si** received a special donation this year of \$1515 from Visions United Church and many practical items thanks to the UCW donations and the offering on the May 25<sup>th</sup> Camping Sunday.

**Calendars for inmates** 64 calendars (and 20 from Central United Church) were collected and taken to Lloyd Bruce by Claudia Schaerer for delivery in early December.

**Second Mile Food Bank** A total of 705 items were collected on the third Sunday of each month and delivered monthly by Jane and John or Claudia and Fernand.

**Mission and Service** The wonderful total was \$20,588, surpassing our objective of \$20,000! Jane Aikman, as Mission Enthusiast, prepared an M & S paragraph for the Friday announcements and an item to share in worship on the second Sunday of every month.

**School supplies:** 326 items, gathered hurriedly in September because we were closed in August, were divided and taken to Forest Glen Elementary School and Sunny Brae Middle School by Jane and John. A cash donation of \$20 was also sent, and Phyllis Furlong took her grandson with numerous items to show him where his father had gone to school.

With fewer people to donate this year, and the cost of everything going up, your generosity remained amazing. I am so proud to be a part of this church family!

*Respectfully submitted, Jane Aikman*

## **UCW Circle – United Church Women**

We meet monthly over the noon hour, bringing our own lunch and sharing a time of devotion and fellowship. We do not engage in any fundraising other than our offerings which allowed us to contribute to the M&S funds to meet our congregational goal.

Individuals are encouraged to lead the devotion for our meetings. We began using Betty Tucotte's book for a study of some of the less familiar women of the bible.

We had a Christmas theme for our November meeting with pizza brought in for lunch. Members were invited to share favourite Christmas memories.

Our group are informed of events in Chignecto UCW as well as MUCW and the National UCW and participate as we are able. We were able to donate to the Healing Fund this year as well as Inclusion Advocacy.

We welcome all women of the congregation to join us for any events. In June, we usually plan a gathering at the Country View restaurant.

*Anna Peters / June Kelly Group leaders*

# Annual Meeting Minutes

## 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Visions United Church  
Annual General Meeting for 2024  
23 March 2025

**Call to Order**

*Peter Lightfoot*

**Attendance**

Jane Aikman	Norma Bellamy	Cecil Briggs	Lila Briggs
Rev. Lloyd Bruce	Fay Cameron	Bob Christie	Judy Christie
Fernand Daigle	John Foster	Phyllis Furlong	Joan Hawkes
Linda Higgins	Charles Kelly	Carol Kelly	June Kelly
Ron Kelly	Jani Ku	Son Ku	Glenna Lightfoot
Peter Lightfoot	Audrey Lounder	Kay MacVicar	Sharon MacVicar
Anna Peters	Bill Peters	Paul Phillips	Jocelyne Quann
Joan Ramsay	John Russell	Claudia Schaerer	Martha Shaw
Charene Slupsky	James Slupsky	Ross Thompson	Annie Watson
Peggy White	Koi Winters		

**Zoom Attendance** Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, Art Vautour-Toole, Wayne Toole

**Opening Prayer**

*Rev. Lloyd Bruce*

**Explanation of Voting Procedures for in-Person and Zoom participants.**

*Peter Lightfoot*

**Motion:** to Extend Voting Privileges (per the United Church Manual 2023 Section B.3.7.2)

*(This motion must be moved and seconded by a full member).*

"That full members extend voting privileges to all adherents who are present."

Moved by Linda Higgins, seconded by Cecil Briggs. **Motion carried.**

**Election of a Chair and Secretary for the Congregation for 2025 to AMG 2026**

*Peter Lightfoot*

**Motion:** To elect Peter Lightfoot as Congregational Chair for the year, moved by Linda Higgins, seconded by Cecil Briggs. **Motion carried.**

**Motion:** To elect Anna Peters as Congregational secretary for the year, moved by Lila Briggs, seconded by Annie Watson. **Motion carried.**

**Presentation and Call for Additional Items for the Agenda**

*Congregational Chair*

**Motion:** to accept agenda, moved by Lila Briggs, seconded by Linda Higgins.

**Presentation and approval of Minutes from Annual Congregational Meeting 25 February 2024**

(Annual Report p. 27-29)

**Motion:** to approve Minutes of 25 February 2024 with correction, moved by Cecil Briggs, seconded by Bob Christie. **Motion carried.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes 25 February 2024 - none**

**Presentation/approval of Minutes from Special Congregational Meeting 28 April 2024 (p. 31-40)**

**Motion:** to approve Minutes of 28 April 2024, moved by Anna Peters, seconded by Norma Bellamy.

**Motion carried.**

**Business Arising from the Special Congregational Meeting 28 April 2024 - none**

## Review of non-financial 2023 Reports & Questions

- Ministers' Reflections (p. 9-10) *Rev. Lloyd Bruce, Julia Ye*
- Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) Chair Message (p. 10-11) *Bob Christie*
- Pastoral Charge Statistics (p. 11-12) *Charene Slupsky*
- CLT Report (p. 13-15) *Fay Cameron*
- Ministry & Personnel (p. 15) *John Russell, Joan Hawkes*
- Regional Council Representatives (p. 16-17) *Anna Peters, Fay Cameron*
- Trustees (p. 17-18) *Ross Thompson*
- Collaborative Commission (p. 18-19) *John Russell, Peter Lightfoot*
- Circles of Service and Learning (p. 19-26)
  - Book Club *Anna Peters*
  - Children's Ministry *Charene Slupsky*
  - Congregational Care *Helen Halfpenny*
  - Cooperative Ministry (community) *Claudia Shearer, Peter Lightfoot*
  - Fresh for Less *Jocelyne Quann*
  - Hub Garden *John Russell*
  - Music *Martha Shaw*
  - Outreach *Jane Aikman*
  - UCW *Anna Peters, June Kelly*

**Motion:** to accept the Non-Financial 2024 Reports as circulated, moved by Claudia Schearer, seconded by Glenna Lightfoot. **Motion carried.**

## Presentation of 2024 financial information

*Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, Treasurer*

(1) Presentation of Auditor's Report (p. 41)

**Motion:** accept Auditor's Report, moved by Bill Peters, seconded by Cecil Briggs. **Motion carried.**

**Motion:** that Visions United engage Sackville United Church to provide an independent financial review of the Financial Statements for 2025, moved by Bill Peters, seconded by Fay Cameron.

**Motion carried.**

(2) Presentation of Treasurer narrative financial report and 2024 Financial Statements (p. 42-46)

**Motion:** accept Treasurer's financial report and 2024 Financial Statements

(3) 2025 Budget (circulated by email)

**Motion:** to approve the presented 2025 Budget with thanks to Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, moved by Fay Cameron, seconded by Ronnie Kelly. **Motion carried.**

(4) 2025 M&S Objective

*Jane Aikman, M&S Enthusiast*

**Motion:** We of Visions United commit to financially support the mission and ministry of the United Church and prayerfully set a Mission and Service Fund goal of \$20,000, moved by Jane Aikman, seconded by Glenna Lightfoot. **Motion carried.**

## New Business

(1) Nominations report

*Anna Peters, Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, Peter Lightfoot*

### **Motions:**

- (a) Nominations cease, moved by Linda Higgins, seconded by Bob Christie. **Motion carried.**
- (b) Terry MacTavish-Hawkes continue as Treasurer, moved by Linda Higgins, seconded by John Russell. **Motion carried.**
- (c) that the persons named in the Nominations Report as new appointees be accepted (or elected), and, further, that except for Trustees, the Congregational Leadership Team may fill any vacancies on standing Committees over the coming year (per Section B.7.3.6 UCC Manual), moved by Bill Peters, seconded by Lila Briggs. **Motion carried.**

(2) Presentation of Wisdom Gleaned from the World Café

*Rev. Audrey Lounder*

The information has not been compiled yet and there is an opportunity for those who were unable to take part in the event to be in touch with Audrey for a Zoom gathering. We will have another gathering once the information has been completed.

(3) Further follow up to World Café – “Future Visions”

*Bob Christie*

(4) Any other new business

Fresh for Less Coordinator has not been named yet but we are not responsible for this position.

**Words of Appreciation**

*Peter Lightfoot*

**Motion:** to adjourn by Cecil Briggs.

Congregational Chair Peter Lightfoot: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Secretary Anna Peters: \_\_\_\_\_

# Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

## Special Congregational Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2025

A special meeting of the Visions congregation was held following worship to consider the continuation of the Collaborative Ministry Project between Central United- Sackville United- Visions United.

An attendance sheet was circulated. Attendance as follows:

Ron Kelly	Joan Ramsay	Phyllis Furlong
Linda Burns	John Russell	Martha Shaw
Marlene McLeod	Bill Peters	Claudia Schaerer
Doug Bourque	Charene Slupsky	Fernand Daigle
James Slupsky	June Kelly	Jane Aikman
Carla Bourque	John Foster	Koi Winter
Karen Thompson	Julia Ye	Glena Lightfoot
Ross Thompson	Fay Cameron	Lila Briggs
Bob Christie	Joan Hawkes	Peggy White
Judy Christie	Jocelyn Quann	Peggy Renton – via Zoom
Cecil Briggs	Peter Lightfoot	
Annie Watson	Norma Bellamy	

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marlene McLeod

Motion to extend voting privileges extended to adherents. Moved by John Russell and seconded by Peter Lightfoot. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Glenna Lightfoot and seconded by Claudia Schaerer that Lila Briggs act as Secretary for this meeting. Motion carried.

Prayer led by Marlene McLeod followed.

Ballots were distributed. Discussion followed. Vote was called for by the Chairman.

Ballot question as follows: Is your wish to:

1. Draw learning from the Pilot Project, celebrate what has been accomplished, and seek to continue the existing [or reimagined] Collaborative **OR** ;
2. Draw learning from the Pilot Project, celebrate what has been accomplished and end the Pilot Project as scheduled in February 2026.

Vote carried out by secret ballot.

Moved by Claudia Schaerer and seconded by Cecil Briggs that scrutineers be Glenna Lightfoot and Charene Slupsky. Motion carried.

Results of vote announced by Chairman.

10 votes for #1

22 votes for #2

Moved by Fay Cameron and seconded by Peter Lightfoot that ballots be destroyed. **Motion carried.**  
Meeting closed with a prayer.

**Acting Secretary, Lila Briggs**

## Special Congregational Meeting Minutes – December 7<sup>th</sup>,

Attendance sheet was circulated. This was the attendance of the meeting.

Jane Aikman	Norma Bellamy	Cecil Briggs	Linda Burns
Fay Cameron	Bob Christie	Judy Christie	Fernand Daigle
John Foster	Phyllis Furlong	Joan Hawkes	Linda Higgins
Charles Kelly	Carol Kelly	June Kelly	Ron Kelly
Glenna Lightfoot	Peter Lightfoot	Kay MacVicar	Sharon MacVicar
Anna Peters	Bill Peters	Christine Phillips	Paul Phillips
Joan Ramsay	John Russell	Claudia Schaerer	Martha Shaw
Charene Slupsky	James Slupsky	Karen Thompson	Ross Thompson
Annie Watson	Koi Winters	Rev. Julia Ye	

**Region Attendee** – Marlene MacLeod

**Zoom Attendance** Peggy Renton

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To decide the future of Visions United Church post Collaborative February 28, 2026.

A congregational meeting of Visions United Church took place at 11:10 AM on the stated date at 140 Joyce Avenue, Moncton NB with 34 members attending. An attendance sheet was circulated. (attached) One member joined the meeting via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by Peter Lightfoot, with Anna Peters as secretary. Marlene MacLeod was present as a FSLDW Regional representative.

**Motion:** It was moved by Claudia Schaerer, seconded by Cecil Briggs, that adherents be granted voting privileges. **Motion carried.**

James Slupsky presented the issue to be discussed and financial statements were reviewed. There was a brief discussion of possible options. (presentation slides attached)

**Motion:** It was moved by James Slupsky, seconded by Glenna Lightfoot, that we seek permission from the FSLDW Region to disband the Visions United community of faith, effective June 01, 2026.

**Motion carried.**

Voting was done by secret ballot with the following results:

28 – Yes

5 – No

1 – abstention

**Motion:** It was moved by Anna Peters, seconded by James Slupsky that the ballots be destroyed.

**Motion carried.**

Anna Peters moved adjournment.

Peter Lightfoot (Chair) \_\_\_\_\_

Anna Peters (Secretary) \_\_\_\_\_

**TBD**