

# **Wild Rose United Church**

**Calgary, Alberta**



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**2020 Annual Report**  
**February 28, 2021**

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## Report from the Acting Chair of the Official Board

2020 has been a year of journey and evolution. We began the year under the leadership of our Transitional Minister, Rev. Karen Holmes. Transition and Search Teams were hard at work as we prepared our Community of Faith Profile and began the search to call a new minister. Since no Board Chair was elected at the Annual Congregational meeting, the Official Board had a rotating chair for 3 months consisting of Doug Willoughby, Angela Lawson and Judy Bergeson. In May, I was asked to take a turn as chair for June and I will remain as Acting Chair until the next Annual Meeting.

The main disruption to our plans was the arrival of COVID-19. Our last “in church” service was held on March 15, 2020. No one was planning on having to provide virtual worship or pastoral care, but with hard work, imagination and determination we proceeded. Thanks to Rev. Karen and others, we never missed providing a Sunday service and with the help of many volunteers made efforts to keep in contact with members and friends. We quickly started Tuesday and Thursday and Sunday online coffee gatherings as a way to keep in touch. ZOOM was used for services until a very disturbing ZOOM bombing occurred on April 19. After that we moved to prerecorded services made available on YouTube.

In late June the work of the Search Committee was complete and a call was offered to Rev. Murray Speer. The call was accepted with a starting date of November 1. At the end of June we had to say farewell to Rev. Karen as her term as Transitional Minister was complete. As a parting gift, Karen gave us a road map for a virtual cross Canada trip prompting us to attend a thought provoking worship service each Sunday during the summer. There were even side trips to the US and the UK. Thank you, Karen.

Our own services resumed on September 4, live-streaming on Facebook and recorded on YouTube, under the capable worship leadership of Linda Ellis, thanks very much Linda. Particular thanks are also due to Caryn Salageanu and Don McIntosh for managing the hardware and software to transition from in church services to well-regarded services on Facebook and YouTube. Don is also the Church Treasurer and showed exceptional patience and determination in dealing with the government and bank to obtain the COVID-19 assistance to which we were entitled but which was not easy to access. This assistance has greatly strengthened the financial foundation on which we can rebuild our congregational life.

On November 1 we welcomed Rev. Murray Speer as our new minister. In addition to moving and serving in a new church, Murray and his wife, Heather, welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin David Speer, on December 9. We have been enjoying Murray’s sermons and his contribution to the Official Board and other teams. There is a sense of new life and new energy.

We thank Rev. Stephen Harper, Rev. Wayne Lewry and Betsy Young for their assistance during the summer and early fall. We also thank Barbara Grant for all she has done for WRUC for over 3 years in founding and building the Wellness HUB. Barbara has resigned from contract work but remains an active and valuable volunteer. Thanks to all of you for your patience and support during these difficult times.

As the days lengthen, we hope and pray that COVID-19 will abate and that in person services and gatherings will resume soon. Live-streaming of services will continue and will benefit those homebound or out of town. With faith and determination, we are looking forward to a bright future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Moore, Acting Official Board Chair

# 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

Annual Congregational Meeting

Wild Rose United Church

February 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 11:30. At least 60 were in attendance, quorum is 20.

An opening prayer was given by Rev. Karen Holmes.

Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary; Dora DiLullo-Patten, Judy Bergeson  
Moved: Bev Walker                      Seconded: Wendy LaSalle                      Carried

Motion to extend voting privileges to all present  
Moved: Janice Clark                      Seconded: Charles Moore                      Carried

In Memoriam 2019 led by Nevone McIntosh and Carla Wilson-McLean

Approval of agenda  
Moved: Dave Coulter                      Seconded: Angela Lawson                      Carried

Approval of minutes from the 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting  
Moved: Barbara Grant                      Seconded: Katie Black                      Carried

Acceptance of the 2019 Annual Report  
Moved: Carla Wilson-McLean                      Seconded: Dave Coulter                      Carried

Completion of terms of Official Board members. Dora issued an invitation to all to join the board. Nominations were asked for from the floor. Question: How can 1 person can chair a large committee. Answer: There are a number of possibilities, from a new system or a project-based committee or a team approach. Don McIntosh pointed out that some positions are necessary/crucial because of signing authority with the bank. Barbara Grant asked for suggestions regarding other board structures. Rev. Holmes spoke about options and invited people to become members-at-large. Question: What is the process for those who wish to join the board that are not here today or who want to contemplate before making a decision? Answer: We will keep the conversation going and new people can be added to the board at any time. Question: Are there job descriptions for the volunteer positions? Answer: Yes, there is a binder in the office and if anyone has specific questions just ask any past or present board or committee member. Wendy LaSalle urged everyone to not "sit on their hands" - church is important. Noemi Flores offered to help out in the future when schedule allowed. Lillian Johnston asked if we could have a broad "board of directors"? Jennifer Gingrich suggested that some boards decide who will fill what role and then appoint members to the positions. Claude Mathieu asked if it would be possible to have a rotating board meeting chair? Stressed again that additions to committees can happen at any time throughout the year.

Sam Sparrow read a passage from Timothy 3 about church leaders.

Nominations:

Charles Moore nominated Doug Willoughby as member at large  
Barbara Grant nominated Wendy LaSalle and Sam Sparrow as members at large  
Marian Jerred nominated Kathleen Hartwell as member at large  
Murray McQueen nominated Sue Knapp as member at large  
Carla Wilson-McLean nominated Hazel Buchanan as secretary

All nominations seconded by Claude Mathieu Carried

Presentation of the 2019 Financial Statement by Don. Barbara reminded us of the importance of our partners. Question: How many financially contributing members do we have? Answer: About 85 to 90.

Presentation of the 2020 Budget by Don. Motion to accept.

Moved: Charles Moore Seconded: Carla Wilson-McLean Carried

Presentation of Transition/JNAC/Search. Some of it was covered during the sermon time. Regarding the Search committee; there will be a representative from the region (could be either Rev. Stephen Harper or Rev. Karen Holmes), two will be from the Transition Team; John MacKinnon and Kerry Sorrenti, and 4 to 6 will be recruited from the congregation.

Nominations for Search Team:

Hazel Buchanan nominated Carla Wilson-McLean and Linda Ellis  
Kim Bell nominated Dave Coulter  
Katie Black nominated Noemi Flores

All moved by: Janice Clark All seconded by: Barbara Grant Carried

Closing Prayer by Barbara Grant

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm

Moved: Bev Walker Seconded: Bill Boyle Carried

## In Memoriam 2020

Marion Marshall Hall – February 7

Doris Emily Anne Sloan – April 15

Gwendolyn Christina Code – May 12

Walter Eldon Onia – June 21

Alexander Ratsoy – August 6

Nola Jean Armstrong, September 19

## Ministry of Our Church (Statistics for 2020)

**Baptisms:** 0

**Marriages:** 0

Rev. Murray Speer - 0

Rev. Karen Holmes - 0

Rev. Wayne Lewry – 0

**Marriages (Members):** 0

**Funerals/Memorial Services:** 33

Rev. Murray Speer - 0

Rev. Karen Holmes – 1

Rev. Wayne Lewry – 32

**Members Received and added  
to the Historic Roll**

*By Transfer:* 0

*By Profession of Faith:* 0

**Members Removed from the Historic Roll:** 4

*By Transfer:* 1

Mona Lutfy

*By Death:* 3

Gwendolyn Code

Marion Hall

Alexander Ratsoy

*By Request:* 0

*By Action of the Board:* 0

# Wild Rose United Church – Unified Board - 2020

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## STAFF

Interim Minister	*Rev. Karen Holmes
<b>Minister</b>	<b>Rev. Murray Speer</b>
Office Administrator	Joanne Kellough
Music Director	*Dr. Carle Duguid
Accompanist	Dan Sommerville
Kid's Zone/Social Media	Caryn Salageanu
Spiritual Health Practitioner	*Barbara Grant
Community Coordinator	Natasha Massey
Honorary Associate Pastor	Rev. Wayne Lewry
Security	Bill Aitken
Custodian	*Teresa Trimble
Custodian	Angelina LeVega
Director of Recovery	David Lewry

## EXECUTIVE

<b>Acting Chair</b>	<b>Charles Moore</b>
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Past Chair	Dora DiLullo-Patten
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Angela Lawson</b>
Treasurer	Don McIntosh
Chair Ministry & Personnel	Judy Bergeson
Chair Worship	Bill Boyle
*Minister	Karen Holmes
<b>Minister</b>	<b>Rev. Murray Speer</b>
Member at Large	Kathleen Hartwell

## TRUSTEES

Co-chair	Charles Moore
	Judy Bergeson
	Brian Cooke
	George Waite
	Murray Younger
	Bev Walker

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### HOSPITALITY

Co-Chair	*Shirley Costley
Co-Chair	Ollie Samoil
Kitchen Supplies	Wendy Lasalle

### DUTY OF CARE

Vacant

### FINANCE

Chair	Vacant
Secretary Treasurer	Don McIntosh
Vice Chair/	Charles Moore
Investment Advice	

**Bold names = new this year; \* = resigned or deceased this year**

Member at Large  
 Accounting  
 Payroll/Accounting  
 PAR  
 Accounting  
 M & S  
 Contracts  
 Counters

Gift Cards  
 Stewardship

Staff  
**Staff**  
 Staff

## WORSHIP

Chair	Bill Boyle
Secretary	Allison Bobenic
	Nevone McIntosh
	Eileen Hartman
	Jean Fraser
	Vivian Schmitz

Name Tags	Marla Libke
Banners/Sanctuary Set-up	*Carle Duguid
Music Director	Dan Sommerville
Accompanist	Lynn Piechotta
Hand Bells	*Herb (Lead) & Augusta Paul
Audio Visual	Dave Coulter
	Charles Moore & Jean Blackstock
	Don McIntosh
	Bill Aitken
	<b>Caryn Salageanu</b>
	*Rev. Karen Holmes
	<b>Rev. Murray Speer</b>

Staff  
**Staff**

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Chair	Judy Bergeson
	*Beverley Moore
	Bev Walker
	<b>Dora DiLullo-Patten</b>

## COMMUNICATIONS

Lead	<b>Caryn Salageanu</b>
	Don McIntosh
	Judy Bergeson
Social Media	Caryn Salageanu
Staff	Joanne Kellough

## ARCHIVES & MEMORIAL

Chair Eileen Hartman  
George Waite  
Vivian Whiting  
Staff \*Rev. Karen Holmes  
Staff Joanne Kellough

## OUTREACH

Dora DiLullo  
Joan Myles  
Karen Owen  
Lana Skauge  
**Marla Libke**  
CHHS Liason Jennifer Moar  
Lydia Quilters Kathleen Johnston (Lead)  
Lillian Johnston  
Vivian Schmitz  
Rhonda Pudwell  
Community Kitchen Lana Skauge  
Crescent Heights Breakfast Program  
Marg Ferguson (Lead)  
Karen Owen (contact)  
Marge Watson  
Donna Reid  
Mary-Lyle McPhail  
Crescent Heights Collection Box  
Pat Kinsella  
Coffee shop Joan Myles  
Dora DiLullo  
Affirming Ministry Hazel Buchanan  
Dora DiLullo  
Right Relations \*Janice Clark  
Jean Blackstock  
Dora DiLullo  
Vivian Whiting  
Val Giorgini  
Hazel Buchanan  
Marla Libke  
Staff \*Rev. Karen Holmes  
Staff **Rev. Murray Speer**  
Staff \*Barbara Grant  
Christmas Hampers Joan Myles  
Dora Di Lullo  
Karen Owen

## PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Chair Gordon Plaxton  
Elwood Kinsella  
Jack Hill  
Don McIntosh  
Murray Lethbridge  
Staff Bill Aitken  
Staff Joanne Kellough

## PASTORAL CARE

Chair Vacant  
Card Ministry Marge Watson  
Links of Prayer \*Janice Clark  
(coordinates 6 individuals who pray)  
Homebound Ministry \*Janice Clark  
Vivian Whiting  
Marge Watson  
Donna Reid  
Seniors Residence Worship Service  
Judie Petrie  
Cam Petrie  
Nevone McIntosh  
Staff \*Rev. Karen Holmes  
Staff **Rev. Murray Speer**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Chair Vacant  
Signatory Eileen Hartman  
Bible Study Eileen Hartman (Lead)  
Observer Charles Moore  
Women's Retreat Dora DiLullo-Patten (Lead)  
Staff Caryn Salageanu (Kids' Zone)  
Staff \*Rev. Karen Holmes  
Staff **Rev. Murray Speer**  
Staff Ryan Salageanu  
Staff Alexa Zabrowski  
Men's Breakfast Don McIntosh (Lead)  
George Waite  
Gordon Plaxton  
Jack Hill  
Wild Bunch Dinner David Augustine  
Judy Bergeson

## SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Signatory/Chair \*Barbara Grant  
Editor Grants Barb Green  
Spiritual Advisor Charles Eastly  
Organization Advisor Gord Churchill  
Family Life Lana Skauge  
John Griffith  
Silvia Griffith  
Wendy Lasalle  
Young Adults \*Renzo Phellan  
Round Table Coordinator Sarah Arthurs

## RECOVERY PROGRAM

Signatory Gordon Plaxton  
Don McIntosh  
Dora Di Lullo-Patten  
Pastor Wayne Lewry  
David Lewry



## Annual Report from Minister, Rev. Murray Speer

It was my pleasure to join Wild Rose United in November of last year – so this report will not contain much “year in review!”

In recent years my practice for the Annual Report has been to set intentions for the coming year and look back on the intentions that I had set in the past. In the few months I’ve been here I’ve had the opportunity to filter through a lot of information, observe several relationships, and interact with multiple teams and working groups. The focus I’ve found myself returning to again and again is “Effective Structures”.

Every church has structures – otherwise it would not survive. A structure is anything that can be diagrammed, sketched, or schematized. It includes physical buildings, but also such things as governance models, communication procedures, calendars, agendas, orders of worship, membership lists, rental rates, staffing configurations, job descriptions, and even computer software. What these all have in common is that they should exist to serve us, and not the other way around!

What makes a structure “effective” is that it is 1) supporting the purpose and mission of the congregation, 2) navigable and sensible to most or all involved, 3) avoiding multiplication of efforts or frustration of objectives, and 4) defined by function, not by a sense of identity.

My intention for 2021 is to guide us into fruitful conversations about effective structures at Wild Rose United. This will take three forms:

- First, I will take opportunities to identify when a discussion we are having is in fact an “effective structures” topic, so that we can be mindful of how often it actually arises.
- Second, I will host focused discussions about specific structural topics as they become relevant.
- Third, I will recommend changes to policy and practice emerging from both formal and informal conversations of this kind, for discussion by the Board.

Current work that is already underway includes: discernment of the purpose and goals of the Wellness Hub in conjunction with the newly-formed Advisory Team; renewal of the Pastoral Care practices and structures; following an original Sunday lectionary starting in March to take a structured look at scripture for sixteen months; and using a consistent opening and closing approach at Board meetings.

I look forward to exploring all of these possibilities and more with you in 2021!

## Board of Trustees

Board Members: Rev. Murray Speer, Judy Bergeson, Brian Cook, Charles Moore (chair), David Ormon (resigning), George Waite, Beverley Walker and Murray Younger.

*Mandate: To hold in trust for the United Church of Canada, the properties that have been designated as Wild Rose United Church and to ensure that said properties are properly insured. Whenever changes are proposed for the renovation and upgrade of church property or the sale of property are being considered, the Board of Trustees will offer sober second thought as to the viability and affordability of such actions.*

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance is in place. This coverage is provided to congregations by the United Church General Council at no cost to the congregations. Additional insurance has also been obtained to protect staff and volunteers during offsite activities. Property and Liability Insurance for the church and the other property owned by the church is provided through HUB International, under a program recommended by General Council of the United Church (GC). Premiums for 2021 have increased by 30 percent over 2020 premiums, which is consistent with widespread insurance cost trends. The GC continues to negotiate with insurance providers to obtain the best available rates. This program allows monthly payments which is helpful in budgeting.

Additional members of the Board of Trustees would be appreciated and may be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Moore, Chair

## Reports of the Standing Committees and Ministries

### **TRANSITION/SEARCH TEAM**

The Transition Team (Barbara Coulter, John MacKinnon, Murray McQueen, Kerry Sorrenti, Rev. Stephen Harper, Rev. Karen Holmes), which had been formed in June, 2019 - continued with its work in January and February of 2020, preparing Wild Rose United Church to be in a position where it would be ready to call a new minister. In March, the Transition Team completed its work, and the Search Committee was formed.

The Search Committee members were: Linda Ellis (Secretary), Kerry Sorrenti, Noemi Flores, David Coulter, John MacKinnon (Chair), Rev. Tracy Robertson (Region Rep; St. Thomas United Church). The goal of this team was to find a minister who was best suited to lead and support the congregation through this important next phase of its journey. The search committee had the added challenge of doing all this virtually due to the COVID restrictions in place at this time. In order to deliver on the goal of finding the best possible candidate for the congregation, the first step of the process was for the team to clearly articulate the story of Wild Rose United Church - our history, our people, our challenges, and our vision for the future. This information was compiled and presented on the United Church of Canada Hub (online), with approval from the Chinook Winds Region, such that we officially kicked off the search process on April 21. Over the next 3 weeks, we received numerous applications that were intriguing and hopeful. In the months of May and June, the team conducted interviews with 6 candidates, followed by second interviews for 4 of those candidates. In the end, Rev. Murray Speer was selected as the candidate to bring forward to the congregation, at which point Murray was enthusiastically approved by the congregation - and he officially started his

new role here at WRUC in Nov, 2020. Murray was raised on a grain farm in Edmonton's northern outskirts, in the 80s and 90s. He received a Bachelor of Arts (Religious Studies) from the University of Alberta in 2004, followed by a Master of Divinity from Vancouver School of Theology in 2010. He served as minister at a variety of locations throughout southern Alberta for the past 10 years prior to coming to Wild Rose.

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

The Emergency Response Team was formed at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. The mandate of the team is to provide recommendations, guidelines and procedures affecting all users of Wild Rose United Church. It is of paramount concern that users of the church building reduce the spread of the virus and help ensure the safety of all those entering and using the building. The recommendations are based on the guidelines and policies set out by the Government of Alberta.

### Overview of 2020

Mar 2020 - initial letter and basic mitigation guidelines sent to building users

Jun 2020 - second letter, Guidelines and Requirements documents, Relaunch and Commitment to WRUC forms sent to building users

Aug 2020 - Visitor Commitment short forms drafted and made available

Oct 2020 - Relaunch forms updated

Nov 2020 - Maximum room occupancy based on appropriate distancing recommended and passed by the Board

Dec 2020 - New Rules document sent out to building users

Respectfully submitted by the Emergency Response Team  
Angela Lawson, Kathleen Hartwell, and Joanne Kellough

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE**

### **Kid's Zone and Nursery**

From January 2020 until mid-March, we had three helpers in the Kid's Zone along with myself as the Kid's Zone Leader. These workers included Sophia Haynes, Alexa Zabrowski, and Ryan Salageanu. Most Sundays we didn't have babies or toddlers in the nursery so we decided to combine all the kids downstairs in the zone. This worked really well with a rotation of two helpers assisting me every Sunday.

In mid-March the Covid-19 pandemic hit Canada thus shutting down all in person gatherings at church including Sunday school. We moved to online gatherings that were infrequent as kids were fatigued from being on zoom daily for school. We kept our gatherings light hearted, letting the kids share community by having Netflix parties and playing games like Heads Up which is similar to charades.

During this time, I also made monthly bags for each child in the Kid's Zone. I would pick a different theme each month with activities that would tie into the message. On average I delivered between eight to ten bags each month. These bags gave the kids art supplies for the activities we created together during our time online.

In the fall we gathered together regularly on Zoom each Saturday Morning at 11 am for one hour. Generally, we had anywhere from three to six kids that would drop into our Sunday school lessons. I have heard from two or three families that their kids don't wish to be on zoom at this time, as they have to be online for school every day. I continue to extend the zoom invite and occasionally they pop by for our lesson.

In early October we had a family outing to Kayben Farms with the Kid's Zone families. We had three families that were able to attend. We all wore our masks, sanitized and social distanced from one another. We had a great day together and took pictures that were featured during our Christmas Eve Service. The kids really enjoyed being in community with each other again as they had missed this social connection. I had originally thought to host more outdoor events following this trip, but due to more covid restrictions it made it impossible to gather together safely.

This year for Christmas we were unable to host our annual Christmas Family party. So instead, I created Christmas bags with everything the kids needed to make ornaments for their tree or to give as gifts. We also filmed our annual children's play via zoom. Luckily our new minister Rev. Murray Speer wrote a wonderful play entitled, "Have You Heard What I Herd? - The Covid- 19 Edition". I found costumes for each child at church and delivered them to everyone's homes ahead of taping. We were able to tape the whole play during a regular zoom meeting on a Saturday morning. It took a few takes of each scene and some editing afterwards, but our play turned out great. The play in its entirety was featured during our Christmas Eve Service. Following Christmas, the zone went on hiatus for the holidays, and has changed days in the new year to be held every Sunday from two to three pm.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Wendy Lasalle, Rod Little, Don McIntosh, Murray McQueen, Charles Moore, Murray Younger.

The Finance Committee met via e-mail and telephone for specific items when the need arose.

Murray McQueen resigned from his role on the committee in March and we thank him for his many years of service on the group

With Covid restrictions limiting our in-person meeting, many of our congregation stepped up to help cushion the blow to our finances, and we are extremely grateful for the ongoing support as well as the extra efforts to ensure our financial viability.

In the attached financial statements, you can see that we did weather the storm quite well, assisted in part by the hiatus between our interim minister and the commencement of employment of our current minister, Rev Murray Speer. Some items of note follow.

\$70,000 of the principal was withdrawn from our Investment Funds to provide operating funds as and when needed.

A bequest of \$5,000 was received from the estate of Doris Sloan.

Federal Wage Subsidies in the amount of \$28,500 were received along with a rent relief subsidy of \$4,237. An interest free loan of \$40,000 was received of which \$30,000 is due to be repaid prior to 31Dec2022, the \$10,000 recognized as income this year. An additional interest free loan of \$20,000 has been approved of which \$10,000 will have to be repaid under the same terms.

Contributions of \$8,760 were made to the Mission and Service fund of the United Church of Canada consisting of contributions directed to the Mission and Service fund and 1% of general fund offerings and 10% of bequests received.

Support for our gift card program continues to be a significant fund raiser for our congregation. We receive a 9% commission for handling Co-Op Gift Cards.

We did not have a spring and fall dinner due to Covid-19 protocols, however, several other fund-raising activities took place in the form of plant sales, shopping bags, and an appeal for the donation of a portion of funds received from the Federal Government that was rolled out to all seniors in April. Thank you for your support and for the efforts of those who undertook initiatives to raise funds.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don McIntosh, Treasurer

## **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

Stewardship involves each of us looking at ways we can commit to sharing our time, talent and treasure in the ministry life of Wild Rose United Church.

Members of the Stewardship Team in 2020 were Judy Bergeson, Don McIntosh, Noemi Flores, Charles Moore, and Rev. Murray Speer.

Noemi Flores is our Mission and Service Enthusiast. A “minute for mission” has been presented during the worship service on an occasional basis to provide information and promote the support of the various activities of the Mission and Service arm of the United Church of Canada with particular reference to those initiatives that are helping make a difference in Canadian lives.

In the fall, the team undertook an annual stewardship campaign with the theme of “How Can We Help You?” as well as a request for an indication of a financial commitment for 2021.

There was a total of 127 information packages distributed and responses were received from 29 offering a financial contribution amount of \$30,910 an average of \$1,065 per contributor. The percentage return of 23% is a reduction from last year’s response of 29%.

The team thanks those who took the time to indicate their support intentions for the coming year. It is an essential tool in helping to create a budget for the coming year.

We continue to search for ideas and members to bolster the team in 2021. Please contact any member of the team or the office if you would like to participate.

Submitted on behalf of the Stewardship Team.  
Don McIntosh

**WILD ROSE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Balance Sheet (Unaudited)**  
As at December 31, 2020

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Assets		
Chequing Account	\$ 7,746	\$ 10,380
Savings Account	35,320	25,143
Investments -United Church of Canada Foundation	341,721	397,213
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	2,000	2,000
Receivables	<u>4,461</u>	<u>1,764</u>
Total Current Assets	\$391,248	\$436,500
Fixed Assets		
Land & Buildings	\$1,072,500	\$1,106,995
Building Improvements (Net of Depreciation)	<u>624,354</u>	<u>605,511</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,696,854	1,712,506
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,088,102</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,149,005</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

Damage Deposits	\$1,500	\$1,500
CEBA Loan	30,000	
Fund Balances	<u>2,193,103</u>	<u>2,299,832</u>
Cumulative Operating Loss	<u>(136,501)</u>	<u>(152,327)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,088,102</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,149,005</u></b>

Fund	01Jan20	Receipts	Disbursements	31Dec20
82 – Men’s Breakfast	329	35		365
83 – Youth	809			809
86 – Memorial	8,536	370		8,906
87 – Bequest	51,471	5,000	7,283	49,188
88 – Special Projects	1,883		779	1,104
90 – Benevolent	1,821	1,394	2,504	711
91 – Revolving Funds	1,412			1,412
92.1–Spiritual Health Urban Ministry	15,677	46,792	40,421	22,048
92.2-Recovery Ministry	27,600	3,276	7,074	23,802
92.3 Right Relations Ministry	1,268	170	230	1,208
94 – Investment	46,688	1,045	40,000	7,733
95 – Capital Assets	1,712,506	15,365	31,016	1,696,854
96 – Building Fund	14,120	9,400	19,250	4,270
98 – Long Range Planning	4,403			4,403
99 – Legacy Fund Investment	411,309	13,463	54,482	370,290
	<b>2,299,832</b>	<b>96,310</b>	<b>203,039</b>	<b>2,193,103</b>

# WILD ROSE UNITED CHURCH

## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements Personnel, Building Operations, Mission and Service, Committees For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

<b>Receipts</b>			
	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>
<b>Congregational Offerings</b>	\$138,678	\$174,040	\$161,421
<b>Committee Revenues</b>	5,031	16,800	14,780
<b>Spiritual Health Urban Mstry</b>	27,436	36,000	30,549
<b>Recovery Ministry</b>	3,275	15,000	27,930
<b>Facility Income</b>	56,616	65,000	79,399
<b>Other Income</b>	4,088	27,900	12,033
<b>Fund Raising</b>	4,326	11,650	11,474
<b>Federal Subsidies</b>	42,721		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$282,171</b>	<b>\$346,390</b>	<b>\$337,585</b>

<b>Disbursements</b>			
<b>Personnel (Staff)</b>	\$122,769	\$150,850	\$175,733
<b>Contract Services</b>	29,616	44,925	40,646
<b>Committee Disbursements</b>	15,514	43,120	37,931
<b>Spiritual Health Urban Mstr</b>	41,369	55,800	21,192
<b>Recovery Ministry</b>	6,875	16,800	16,686
<b>Property and Facilities</b>	64,666	36,615	51,464
<b>Janitorial &amp; Security</b>	43,283	51,000	49,794
<b>Utilities</b>	28,829	25,000	22,855
<b>Administration</b>	23,223	32,025	30,337
<b>Mission &amp; Service</b>	8,760	11,500	10,702
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$384,904</b>	<b>\$467,635</b>	<b>\$457,342</b>

<b>Net of Receipts and Disbursements</b>			
<b>Operating Income(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$102,733)</b>	<b>(\$121,245)</b>	<b>(\$119,757)</b>
<b>Reserve fund contributions</b>	30,707		39,537
<b>Transfers from reserves</b>	76,267	75,200	56,210
<b>Disbursements from reserves</b>	2,504		900
<b>Net Gain (loss) from operations</b>	<b>\$1,737</b>	<b>(\$46,045)</b>	<b>(\$24,910)</b>

## **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

The mandate of the Communications Team is to provide an effective communications bridge to our members and to the greater community.

Committee Members: Judy Bergeson, Joanne Kellough, Don McIntosh, Caryn Salageanu

With the closure of the building, we ramped up our social media presence with Caryn Salageanu and Joanne Kellough mostly responsible for this. There are 674 followers on Twitter, 312 followers on Facebook and 285 followers on Instagram. On average, 45 individuals who view our YouTube channel with a high of 160 for the Christmas Eve service and a low of 13 for the first service after Christmas. In addition, an average of 20 people watch the service stream live on Facebook and an average of 120 views of the service on Facebook at a later time. We had a weekly email sent to 246 individuals as a means of keeping people informed of church activities and in conjunction with a pastoral care initiative, we attempted to reach out to all members of our congregation via a phone call in late autumn.

Joanne keeps the display panel in the entryway up to date with notices that may interest those that still use the building for their evening activities.

The quarterly newsletter has been temporarily discontinued.

Streaming of our Sunday services began on March 25 as a pre-recorded video while we found our way through the associated learning curve and pitfalls. In September, we switched to live streaming on Sunday mornings with the goal of providing an “in-church” feeling to the production. It also provided a way for a few people each week to actually be in church and participate. Going forward, this will be the norm and if you would like to participate in parts of the service – that is reading scripture, lighting the Christ Candle, Children’s time, leading the singing, or operating the audio/visual equipment, please email the office. All assistance is welcome.

Submitted by  
Don McIntosh, Team Lead

## **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Wild Rose United Church went through a number of changes in 2020. Rev. Karen Holmes served as our Intentional Interim Minister until June 30. Our new minister Rev. Murray Speer began his time with us on November 1. The COVID-19 pandemic meant a drastic change in how we are able to serve our congregation. We were able to commence online services in mid-March. The move to online services has meant a huge learning curve for our staff and volunteers; especially Caryn Salageanu, Don McIntosh and Linda Ellis who led many of our fall services. Joanne Kellough, our Office Administrator was able to keep the church office functioning well from home. Dan Sommerville has been "instrumental" in keeping the music alive. The contract for Carle Duguid, our Choir Director, was not renewed. We also welcomed a new caretaker; Angelina LaVega during this year of increased cleaning protocols. Our profound thanks are extended to all of our staff members for their dedication and willingness to learn, adapt and carry on throughout this challenging year.



## **OUTREACH**

Members: Joan Myles, Dora Di Lullo-Patten, Jennifer Moar, Hazel Buchanan, Val Giorgini, Noemi Flores, Isabella Haynes, Karen Owen, Kathleen Johnston, Lillian Johnston, Caryn Salageanu, Vivian Whiting, Marg Ferguson, Cam Petrie, Marge Watson, Donna Reid, Mary-Lyle McPhail and Rev. Murray Speer

*Mandate: To communicate the ministry initiatives of Wild Rose United Church, inside the faith community and into the community at large, using a wide array of communication tools and social networking. To ensure that the ministry of the church remains viable and sustainable through long-term financial support and engagement of the congregation*

### **Crescent Heights High School Breakfast Program and Supplies for CHHS**

Members: Karen Owen, Joan Myles, Dora Di Lullo-Patten, Marg Ferguson, Cam Petrie, Marge Watson, Donna Reid, Mary-Lyle McPhail and Jennifer Moar (CHHS liaison)

Wild Rose has been providing pre-packaged nutritious breakfasts for kids in need at Crescent Heights High school since November 2013. Volunteers assembled over 100 breakfast bags per month for the Crescent Heights High School community. Feedback received from administration was very positive as some of them have no food whatsoever until they go home at night. The teachers believe the program is very valuable and is making a difference to those that use it. This year, we provided bags from January to March. There was a break until late fall due to Covid-19 and then bags were provided for November and December.

Donations are also used for essential items such as bus passes. They are greatly appreciated. Additional funds were donated to the school this year from the Wild Rose Foundation.

### **Affirming Ministry – You Matter, No Matter!**

Members: Hazel Buchanan, Dora Di Lullo-Patten

*Mandate: The mandate of our Affirming Ministry is to engage in educational programs and events that raise awareness of the issues facing our LGBTQ2S friends as they seek to live out a life of faith within the church. As well, we are called to provide strong advocacy for the LGBTQ2S community in the wider world, challenging injustice and discrimination.*

Our Affirm team was not able to participate in its usual activities, such as the Pride Parade but continues to communicate with other LGBTQ2S groups in the United Church.

The Affirm ministry supports groups such as PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), a support group meeting at our church once a month, at the invitation of the Outreach Ministry group. PFLAG has found our church to be a warm and welcoming place for their support group to meet.

### **Lydia Quilters**

Members: Lillian Johnston, Kathleen Johnston, Vivian Schmitz, Rhonda Pudwell, Cam Petrie

The Lydia Quilters are a group of passionate quilt makers who raise funds for RESET, which provides “comprehensive individualized support and safe housing to women and girls age 16 and over exiting sexual exploitation and sex trafficking so that they may transform their lives.”

Due to Covid-19, the Lydia Quilters are not meeting. They continue to plan projects for RESET.

## **Coldest Night**

Hosted by HomeSpace Society – Kairos Calgary and Feed the hungry. This project is headed by Noemi Flores. It is a yearly fundraiser that serves charities who deal with homelessness, hurt and hunger. Moneys raised from the event go to low income housing. The yearly event takes place in February. This year, it will be virtual. See Noemi for more information or if you are interested in being involved.

## **Bread Basket Project**

COBS Bread donates baked goods every Monday to Wild Rose United Church. A team collects and bags the bread and stores it in the freezer at the church. The bread is then distributed to a range of charity groups such as The Calgary Drop In & Rehabilitation Society.

## **Prairie Rose Refugee Project (Syrian Refugee Family Project)**

*Mandate: To welcome a Syrian family by providing assistance, guidance and support in order to enable them to become independent citizens.*

Many of our volunteers continued to have a relationship with the Mohamads. They continue to integrate into Canadian society and we are proud of all they are accomplishing.

## **Morning Coffee – Radical Welcoming**

This dedicated group of individuals organized and served morning coffee in the Narthex, from January to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Providing coffee creates a sense of welcoming and community on Sunday mornings. This year we added hot chocolate for those with a sweet tooth – perfect on a cold winter's day.

## **Right Relations**

Members: Val Giorgini, Hazel Buchanan, Dora Di Lullo-Patten, Caryn Salageanu, Rev. Murray Speer

*Mandate: to endeavour to build respectful relationships with our Indigenous brothers and sisters through compassion and understanding. It is our mission to live out the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.*

National Indigenous Peoples Day – Gloria Stone was the guest speaker for the service on Sunday on June 21, 2020.

Pokaiks-The Children, was an event to honour Orange Shirt Day. This event took place on Saturday, September 26th at 10 am. We met at 3rd St SW and 8th Ave SW. The walk ended at City Hall for the opening ceremony. At 1 pm an online event took place on Zoom.

Plans to collaborate with the Elizabeth Fry Society

*The passion and enthusiasm generously offered by the hard working members of Outreach and its petal committees, clearly reflects our Wild Rose vision of radical welcoming, progressive theology and social justice. We are truly caring, daring and sharing and continue to make a difference on the North Hill. For this, we are truly blessed.*

Respectfully submitted by:  
Dora Di Lullo-Patten

## **PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

The Property and Facilities team is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the church building and property. During 2020 the following actions were taken:

- completed repair of the church bell tower roof and ceiling of the meditation room
- finished major remodelling of former finance room on the lower floor
- repaired the ceiling of the kitchen pantry and the sanctuary stage railing
- completed a thorough cleaning of the kitchen stove and ovens
- painted the lower floor kitchen cabinets and counters and the boiler room and centennial hallways
- painted the walls of the lower entrance stairwells and the entrance doors
- the stairway to the meditation room was painted as were the doors and walls of the hallway to the former nursery
- upgraded the church security system with the installation of sensors on all exterior doors and three video cameras

Submitted by  
Gordon Plaxton, Chair

## **WILD ROSE WELLNESS HUB**

This past year has brought many opportunities and changes to the Wild Rose Wellness Hub. We held a Community Hub Visioning Workshop on March 2, 2020, to help us understand how the Hub could better serve the needs of the community and the Wild Rose congregation. Then, of course, came the lockdown. At this point, we moved our programming online. At the moment we are offering one program every week. You can join us every Wednesday at 7 pm for our Wonderful Wellness Wednesday series. If you would like the zoom link, please contact Natasha or Caryn.

Over the summer, we had a very successful series looking at the Black Lives Matter movement and how we could apply it in our own lives. We then moved into a series looking at Right Relations. At the request of the Edge Foundation and The Community Innovation Hub, these series have been shared across Canada with other hubs so they can use them as well. Natasha (who curated these series) also had a couple of opportunities to present to other hubs about our experience with these series and how they could implement them.

At the end of July, Barbara Grant retired from her work with Wild Rose United, including her work with the Hub. We are so thankful for all the work and passion she has brought to the Hub, and we wish her all the best.

Building on the work we started in March, the Hub is currently discerning how we can better serve the churches and the community's needs. As we move forward, the Wild Rose Wellness Hub Advisory Team will be working with Natasha and Rev. Murray to a) conduct consultation, b) advise the board, and c) educate the congregation on the purpose, vision, goals and staffing for the hub. If you would like to be part of this process, please let Natasha or Rev. Murray know.

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY**

Members: B. Boyle, A. Bobenic, N. McIntosh, J. Fraser, E. Hartman, L. Ellis, and Rev. M. Speer

The mandate of the Worship Ministry is to deepen, strengthen, and enliven the spirituality that lives within each human heart. We seek to provide creative and challenging worship experiences which include a wide variety of musical expression, international prayer, and the words of wisdom found in the Bible and holy texts from other traditions. We encourage our worship community to experience God in profound and life-changing ways, following the model of social justice lived by Jesus.

This year has been like no other. During the global COVID-19 pandemic, we have faced challenges together. In March, we moved services online to Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube. With the strong leadership of Don McIntosh and Caryn Salageanu, our technical crew has delivered meaningful worship opportunities and kept us connected. We will remain online for the foreseeable future.

Our ministry team saw many changes: Rev. Karen Holmes completed her term and Carl Duguid's contract expired at the end of June. During the months of July through October, Linda Ellis served as temporary lay minister. Linda, we deeply appreciate your dedication to the Church. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we welcomed Rev. Murray Speer. We all enjoy his inspiring sermons and look forward to many more.

Communion was celebrated each month except July and August, usually accompanied by a love offering. Many thanks to those who prepare communion. The bread from other cultures, offered at the World Wide Communion service, added authenticity to celebrating communion with the whole world.

Music is an essential part of our worship at Wild Rose. We are grateful for our talented accompanist, Dan Somerville, and our choristers. Due to the pandemic, music was also different. We missed the choir, music events, guest musicians, and the Belles of Wild Rose. Hymns remain a treasured part of our worship time together.

We appreciate the learning Caryn Salageanu directs in the Kid's Zone. We are always encouraged to see children taking roles in pageants or as readers. Engaging children in meaningful opportunities, both in the sanctuary and in the Zone, is very important. Her creativity and leadership is valued.

Sincere appreciation to faithful volunteers who assist in decorating and undecorating for the special times of Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Valli Stuart keeps us on track, thank you.

Another year of worshipping at Wild Rose United Church has come and gone with its many challenges and opportunities. To all who have given of their time and talent, we thank you. We honor the memory of those who no longer grace our sanctuary with their presence in a pew. Thank you to our ministry team for their love and support in times of sorrow, challenge, and celebration.

In closing, the Worship Committee welcomes anyone who might like to become a part of this ministry no matter how large or small a part you wish to play. New members are always welcome. Try us, you might like us.

submitted by Bill Boyle, Chair

# WILD ROSE UNITED CHURCH FOUNDATION

## 2020 Wild Rose United Church Foundation Meeting Minutes

Wild Rose United Church Foundation  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, February 9, 2020

1. Call to Order: Chair, Charles Moore called the meeting to order at 11:07 am  
The table officers were introduced  
Chair – Charles Moore, Treasurer – David Livingstone, Secretary – Gordon Plaxton
2. Notice of Quorum- Director Marlene Cole indicated there was a Quorum of members
3. Minutes of last Annual General meeting dated February 10, 2019 found in Annual report  
Motion: Moved by Katie Black and seconded by Dora DiLullo the minutes be approved Carried
4. Business arising from the minutes- there was none
5. Chairperson's Report
  - a. the Foundation currently has 61 members
  - b. Words of appreciation
    - to the Foundation's directors for their service and commitment who are Marlene Cole, Charles Moore, David Livingstone, Bev Walker, Dora DiLullo, Gordon Plaxton, and Brian Cooke
    - to all persons who have made financial donations to the Foundation
    - information about the Foundation can be found in the brochure and application forms are available from Marlene Cole
6. Treasurer's report
  - investment returns for 2019 were considerably higher than 2018
  - total donations to the Foundation since its inception 30 years ago are \$213,442.00
  - donations in 2019 were \$6175.00
  - Investment income in 2019 was \$9,072.00
  - outgoing contributions to projects and Outreach - \$9,500.00
  - Outreach-\$3000.00 - CHHS and Campus Ministry and \$6,500.00 to the church Board for renovations to three church areas- nursery, minister's office and old finance roomMotion: moved by David Livingstone and seconded by Carla McClean the treasurer's report be adopted as presented Carried
7. Appointment of Auditor/financial reviewers  
  
Foundation Directors are recommending Wendy LaSalle be named to conduct a review of the Foundation's financial affairs  
  
Motion: moved by Barbara Grant and seconded by Linda Ellis that Wendy LaSalle be approved to conduct a review of the Foundation's finances for 2020 Carried

## 8. Election of Directors

The three-year terms of Brian Cooke, Charles Moore and Gordon Plaxton expire in 2020 They have agreed to let their names stand for nominations for another three-year term. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion: moved by Eileen Hartman and seconded by Carla McClean that Brian Cooke, Charles Moore and Gordon Plaxton be elected as Directors for three-year terms Carried

9. Foundation membership - Marlene Cole, Director of recruitment, invited interested persons to contact her for a membership application indicating there is no fee and members are eligible to vote at the AGM

10. New business- there was none

11. Adjournment

Motion: Eileen Hartman moved the meeting be adjourned at 11.25 am Carried

## 2020 Wild Rose United Church Foundation Annual Report

The Wild Rose United Church Foundation (the Foundation) funds major maintenance and building renovations for Wild Rose United Church (WRUC), as well as outreach within Alberta. All funding requests to the Foundation must be initiated by the Official Board of WRUC.

The Foundation was established 31 years ago. Over time, funds have grown from individual donations and investment income. The bylaws require that at least \$150,000 be maintained as a capital base with the intent that the investment income is available to pay for WRUC maintenance, renovation and outreach.

Over the past 31 years more than \$200,000 has been paid out as requested by the Official Board. This reflects the generosity of donations to the Foundation, as well as, careful investment decisions.

### **Governance**

The Foundation became an incorporated Society in Alberta on November 21, 1989. It was founded by members of Pleasant Heights United Church and renamed in 2003 after the creation of WRUC. As an incorporated Society, the Foundation has a separate Board of Directors and is governed by a set of by-laws. Congregational members and adherents are encouraged to join the Foundation and participate in the Foundation's Annual General Meeting (AGM). There is no membership fee, however, individuals must complete a membership application form. Currently there are about 60 members of the Foundation.

The role of the Board of Directors is to ensure funding requests are within the scope of the bylaws, to oversee the Foundation investments, to promote the Foundation and to administer the business requirements of the Foundation as a registered society. Directors are elected by Foundation members at the AGM. In 2020 the Directors were: Marlene Cole, Dora Di Lullo-Patten, Brian Cooke, David Livingstone, Charles Moore, Gordon Plaxton and Bev Walker.

The Foundation is also a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, therefore income tax receipts are issued to donors.

### **Financial Highlights for 2020**

- Investment income in 2020 is estimated to be \$9471.59.
- Funds paid out at the request of the Church Board during 2020 were \$7,500 to pay for a portion of the cost of repairs to the church bell tower which has suffered water damage.
- Donations received in 2020 totaled \$600.
- Assets held by the Foundation as of December 31, 2020 are estimated to be \$197,272.36.

### **New Business for the AGM**

The term of office of the following Directors expires in 2021 and they have been nominated for re-election: Dora DiLullo-Patten and Beverley Walker. There will also be an opportunity for nominations from the floor for additional Directors. Additional Directors will be very welcome.

### **Ongoing**

WRUC members and adherents who want to become a member of the Foundation should contact Marlene Cole for further information and an application form.

Individuals who wish to make a donation to the Foundation should make cheques payable to the 'Wild Rose United Church Foundation'. Income tax receipts will be issued for all gifts. The Foundation acknowledges with thanks all those who have contributed to the fund in order to support our ministry at WRUC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Moore – Chair



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