

## Meridian Pastoral Charge - 2022 Annual Report

Sanford United Church



Avonlea United Church



Starbuck United Church



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## Mission Statement

### FOR MERIDIAN PASTORAL CHARGE

To worship;  
To celebrate the church year;  
To be a loving presence in our community during crisis and joy;  
To nurture the Christian Faith to individuals of all ages.

## Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) Annual Meeting Agenda

**February 28, 2023 at Sanford United Church**

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Opening Prayer**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**Election of Chairperson and Secretary**

**Corrections and Adoption of Minutes MPC AGM 22 February 2022**

### **Annual Reports**

Chairperson  
Minister  
Worship  
Ministry and Personnel  
Regional Council - Prairie to Pine  
Trustee Report

### **Church Reports**

Avonlea  
Sanford  
Starbuck  
Inter-Church  
Treasurers  
Reviewer of Treasurer Books

### **MPC Budget for 2023**

**Discussion: What is in the future for Meridian Pastoral Charge?**

### **Correspondence –**

### **Old Business**

Reminder to send a copy of annual reports to all churches in MPC as well as a copy to Prairie to Pine. **Prairie to Pine Regional Council**

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## **New Business**

Election of MPC Board Members

### **2023 Board Members**

Chair

Vice Chair

Minister                      James deBeer

Secretary

Treasurer

Avonlea

Sanford

Starbuck

Region 5 Prairie to Pine Rep.

Worship:

Sanford                      Barb Kirk   (chair)

Starbuck

Avonlea

M&P:

Avonlea

Sanford

Starbuck

Inter-Church

Avonlea Chair

Starbuck Chair

Sanford Chair

Members at Large

Avonlea

Sanford

Starbuck

### **Confirmation of MPC Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday   April 2023 -- AVONLEA San - 7 PM

Tuesday   September 2023 – SANFORD Starbuck – 7 PM

Tuesday   November 2023 – STARBUCK Avonlea– 7 PM

Tuesday   February 2024 – STARBUCK Sanford – 7 PM (AGM)

Call for Adjournment

# 2022 Meridian Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022 - 7pm at Avonlea United Church

**Attendance:** Janice Harrison, Cliff Harrison, Stuart Manness, Jane Manness, James deBeer, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter, Georges Cormier, Nancy Langlois, Julie Ringash, Jamie Scharf, Diane Trudeau, Cathy Beavis

**Regrets:** Judy Manness, Ron Manness

**Call the meeting to Order:** by Rev. James deBeer

**Opening Prayer:** by Rev. James deBeer

**Election of Chairperson and Secretary:** Jamie Scharf volunteered to chair the meeting, Diane Trudeau volunteered to be recording secretary.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

**Correction and Adoption of Minutes MPC AGM February 24, 2021.**

**Motion:** to accept the minutes as circulated. Cliff Harrison/ Georges Cormier. Carried

**REPORTS - Motion:** to accept the reports as presented. Nancy Langlois/Michele Ammeter. Carried

## **Treasurer Report**

Georges Cormier explained the report.

**Motion:** to accept the report. Georges Cormier/Michele Ammeter. Carried

**Auditor** - the financial books were audited and signed by Cliff Harrison.

**Correspondence** – none

## **OLD BUSINESS**

COF and MPC were reminded to send one hard copy and one electronic copy of their Annual Reports to Prairie to Pine Council.

**Prairie to Pine Regional Council**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2022 Board Members**

Chair	Jamie Scharf
Vice Chair	Stuart Manness
Minister	James deBeer
Secretary	Diane Trudeau
Treasurer	Georges Cormier (MPC)
Avonlea	Cliff Harrison
Sanford	Norm Dyck
Starbuck	Ann and Len Pedersen
Region 5 Prairie to Pine Rep.	Diane Trudeau

**Worship:**

Sanford	Barb Kirk (chair)
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter
Avonlea	Angie Cormier

**M&P:**

Avonlea	Stuart Manness (chair)
Sanford	Julie Ringash
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter

Inter-Church	Judy Manness
Avonlea Chair	Jane Manness
Starbuck Chair	Margaret Porter
Sanford Chair	Jamie Scharf
Members at Large	
Avonlea	Cathy Beavis
Sanford	Nancy Langlois
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter

**Budget for 2022**

- by Georges Cormier. This year no money was drawn from the Manse account but it will be needed next year.

**Motion:** to accept the Projected Budget for 2022. Georges Cormier/ Cathy Beavis. Carried.

**Prairie to Pine: Collaborative Ministry Conversation Report**

The meeting was in February and was audited by Jane Manness, Julie Ringash and James deBeer. Jane volunteered to provide a synopsis of the meeting. A Service Agreement was created to address the problem of the over usage of Lay Ministry. Ideas were shared for Community of Faiths (COF) to help with the problems of fewer church congregants, low energy, fewer numbers in the youth groups, poorer communication since the greater church's restructuring and the loss of Presbyteries, monetary funds diminishing, distance, plus other challenges. Some suggestions were: Combining with different faiths, sharing ministers, use of technology, and structural change or realignments. More discussions will be in the future.

**Discussion "What is in the future for Meridian Pastoral Charge"?**

Georges Cormier created a 5 year budget and projection of the life of MPC and each church's monetary ability to continue. MPC funds run out in 2026 It will be the last year MPC can function.

**Bottom line** – each church must have congregational discussions about the future. Each church must bring their conclusion to the next meeting for a larger discussion.

**MPC meeting dates:**

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – Sanford 7pm  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – Starbuck 7pm  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – Avonlea 7pm  
Tuesday, February 21, 2022 – Sanford 7pm (AGM)

**Adjournment** 9:18 pm by Jane Manness

Submitted by Diane Trudeau

# Minister's Report for 2022

Avonlea United Church

Annual General Meeting

January 8, 2023

The accounts of the events after Jesus' death and resurrection vary a bit in the Scriptures. In the Book of Acts, Jesus appears to the disciples teaching them for 40 days until his Ascension. The Book of Acts presents the Apostles as full of confidence and determination in their mission as the infant Church. I must confess, when I compare myself to Peter and Paul as presented in the book of Acts, I feel a bit guilty when I'm unsure of what to do next or not as confident in knowing exactly what to do or say.

John's Gospel alleviates that guilt a bit while providing comfort when he presents an account of the Apostles a bit unsure of what to do next. In Chapter 21, we encounter the Apostles: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John and a few others. But we encounter them in the same manner as when we first met them: fishing. Peter announces "I am going fishing" in verse 3. It has an air of uncertainty; as if Peter wasn't sure what to do with himself. He was perhaps restless and anxious. Why? Perhaps because, although Jesus had already appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday, he wasn't sure what that meant or what to do next. So he went back to what he was used to, what was familiar, what he knew. Fishing.

As we've journeyed through this pandemic, we've pivoted a lot and explored new ways of worship and gathering. Now that things are more or less back to the way they used to be, it feels a bit unsure of what we should do next, so we've returned to what we know, what's familiar, what we're used to: gathered worship Sunday mornings using our typical Order of Service. And that isn't a bad thing in any way. But I can't help but think as a minister and pastor, given how much our world has changed, do we need to explore more creative ways of doing and being church?

And we are, in fact, doing just that. Using the resources we've equipped ourselves with such as a screen, internet access and live streaming, I think we've successfully found new ways to worship which has given us tremendous flexibility not only in terms of how we worship (such as hymns and stories played on the screen) but also allowed us to livestream funerals making them more accessible to everyone.

But I must confess I've 'retreated' a bit back to what I know and am familiar with in terms of the Order of Service and Sunday Worship. Perhaps part of it is just being tired of these last couple years of constant change and anxiety and finding it easier to do what is familiar. But I'd like us together, as a congregation, to be creative as we move forward and to think of ways Avonlea United can continue to be of service to our community and a place of support and worship for our members.

This Lent, for example, I'm hoping to provide programming for us to gather and reflect on our faith and find ways to grow and expand our spirituality. As ever, I'm happy to receive suggestions, feedback and new ideas to best serve the needs of our faith community.

I would like to thank everyone for being so dedicated to our beautiful little Church here in Domain. Your tireless commitment of time, talents and resources enable us to be the church of Christ here in our neck of the woods.

I look forward to 2023 as a time to explore new ideas and new opportunities even as we hold fast to the traditions handed to us by our forebearers which have enabled us to carry out the mission and teachings of Jesus, our light and our hope.

Rev. James deBeer



## MERIDIAN WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

The meridian worship committee meets once a year. This year's meeting was at Sanford United Church on September 12, 2022 with Reverend James DeBeer, Jane Manness, Julie Ringash and Barb Kirk. Regrets Michele Ammeter.

The meeting was started with a prayer and appreciation was expressed for being able to worship together again. Thanks to Rev. James for keeping us together.

### 1) Meridian Worship Leadership schedule

- a. Avonlea- Rev. James every other Sunday at 9:30am. Live streaming alternate Sundays will be trialed. Options for live streaming are zoom, google meet or You Tube live. The sound quality in Avonlea on Sunday September 11 with zoom was poor. On Sunday September 18 Rev. James will trial You Tube live for streaming in Sanford. Avonlea and Sanford will have a scheduled zoom meeting on October 12 at 7:30pm to re-evaluate the live streaming services. For the second Sunday in October, November and December Avonlea will have their service at 11:00 am with Rev. James (when Starbuck is worshiping with the Lutheran congregation).
- b. Sanford- Rev. James every other Sunday at 9:30am. Live streaming alternate Sundays will be trialed.
- c. Starbuck- Rev. James every Sunday at 11:30am except the second Sunday of the month when Starbuck has a joint service with the Lutheran congregation.

Update- October 28/22- Live streaming and sound quality has improved with Rev. James using You Tube live, but some improvements will still need to be made. There had been a discussion about music during the service and it was decided that Jane Maness and Kelly Epler will continue to play the piano/organ for the services when Rev. James is at their respective churches. Avonlea will worship at 11:00 AM on the second Sunday of the month when Starbuck worships with the Lutheran congregation. This will continue until June 2023.

### 2) Communion Dates

- a. World Wide Communion / Thanksgiving- October 2 /October 9/22
- b. Advent 1- November 27/22
- c. Epiphany- January 8/23
- d. Lent 1- February 26/23
- e. Easter- April 9/23
- f. Pentecost- May 28/23

Starbuck will have communion on the scheduled dates when Rev. James is worshiping with them. The dates for Sanford and Avonlea may vary depending on the Worship Leadership schedule. Sanford and Avonlea will have communion for the first Sunday of Advent on December 11/22 and for the First Sunday of Lent on March 12/23. These

dates are both the second Sunday of the month when Rev. James will be worshipping with Sanford at 9:30 am and Avonlea at 11:00 am. A decision has not been made on Pentecost because it's such a special day that it might be peculiar to postpone Communion. There may not be another option but a final decision will be made at a later date. The other communion dates remain unchanged.

The recommendation is to have communion served the traditional way with small glasses and pre-cut bread.

3) Special Services/Worship

- a. Lectionary year – Year C to Year A
- b. Scripture readings- a member of the congregation is encouraged to do the first reading. Rev. James will have the bulletin online by Friday of each week.
- c. Recovenanting Service- each church will organize on their own.
- d. Hanging of the Greens-each church will organize their own date.
- e. Advent readings- Rev. James will provide the readings.
- f. White Gift service-each church will determine a date for the service and make a donation to an organization or family of their choice.
- g. Memory Tree- each church to decide for their congregation.
- h. Blue Christmas service- Rev. James will do an online service with the Lutheran Pastor
- i. Christmas Eve services- Starbuck: 5:30pm with Rev. James Sanford: 7:30pm with Rev. James Avonlea: will have their own service
- j. Lent readings – Rev. James will provide
- k. Liturgy of Ashes- will be on the first Sunday of Lent February 26/23.
- l. Holy Week Services- Maundy Thursday: April 6/23 Avonlea Good Friday: April 7/23 Avonlea 10:00am Easter Sunday: April 9/23 Sanford 9:30AM and Avonlea 11:00AM.
- m. Options for Pulpit Supply-meridian pastoral charge will pay for pulpit supply once a year for special services.
- n. Inter faith Service- service will be held the first Sunday of Advent which is November 27/22 at Oak Bluff Bible Church.
- o. Union Point Service- June 25/23.

4) Order of Service- review/changes-none

5) Recorded services- James will have all his services online.

6) Children's Ministry- Julie has ordered the Whole People of God.

7) Chairperson schedule and representation at Meridian Board Meetings

Sanford- September 2022/2023 (Barb Kirk)

Avonlea- September 2024/2025

Starbuck- September 2026/2027

Next Meeting- Tuesday August 29/23 7:30 pm at Sanford.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Kirk

## Meridian Pastoral Charge M&P Report

Ministry and Personal held 1 meeting with Rev James via zoom in April 2022 and an annual review meeting with James Jan 12, 2023 via Zoom.

At our April meeting we discussed Church Leadership Schedule, Pulpit Supply needs, James holiday schedule, Pastoral Care, and James's workload.

On Jan 12th we reviewed our contract with James, allocation of time according to the job description, and progress on the different aspects of ministering to our 3 point charge. We also reviewed again James holiday schedule.

As mentioned in the report to Meridian in September, Pastoral Care needs are being met by James on requests to provide sacraments and visits.

The job description workload breakdown has changed due to the changes to our congregations Covid. We are now streaming services to Sanford and Avonlea on alternate Sundays to minimize the need for Pulpit Supply which requires more worship preparation time.

James will be taking 1 week of holiday on the 2nd week of February and the 1st 3 weeks in July. The last week of July and the 1st 2 weeks of August James will be on study leave.

James will have been with Meridian for 5 years this coming April and is eligible to take a 3 months sabbatical. So far no plans have been made.

Since Avonlea has gone to 11:00 AM service the 2nd Sunday of the month there hasn't been a need for Pulpit Supply for those special Communion Sundays.

We need to discuss at The Meridian Annual Meeting Worship Leadership for Conference Sunday and we'll need discussion on next years Leadership Schedule.

Special thanks to Rev James for the meaningful worship times and thoughts regarding our Faith in today's world and his efforts to use and improve the streaming system.

I'd also like to thank the members of the M&P Committee for participating and contributing to our discussions with James.

Starbuck - Michele Ammeter  
Sanford - Julie Ringash  
Avonlea - Judy Cormier, Stuart Manness

Respectfully Submitted, Stuart Manness

# Meridian Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting Prairie to Pine Rep. Report

February 21, 2023 at Sanford United Church

Prairie to Pine Rep. Report

This report is a brief overview of 2022.

**Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting** was May 6, & 7 with a theme of “Remembering, Re-connection and Re-visioning”.

## **Remembering**

Michael Blair spoke as to what does it mean to be an African decedent in a white church. He reflected on “his story of his people”.

## **Re-connection**

After “Break Out Room” discussions there was a consensus that congregants felt a loss of contact with the broader church and have missed the value of community a Community Of Faith brings. Zoom has at least been able to keep us in contact with each other if we were not able to meet in person.

## **Revision**

Dr. Stewart Hill MKO linineew (Cree) refers to peoples of the Algonquian language family who identify with the Cree Dialects. He spoke about “the land” and its meaning to indigenous people. He spoke about the original treaty with indigenous people and the crown (Commissioner Simmon). The agreement was to “share the land and resources”. Little did they know they would be put onto reservations. The prosperity for them never came.

Also throughout this meeting Mission and Service raised \$6788 for Rock Lake Camp, 1 Just City and others.

## **Shared Services** by Gay Boese

Steinbach and Niverville United Church share services. Each are part of every service by streaming. They started the process in 2020 and finally in 2022 they are working together. They established a joint worship planning team – good ideas were created. Administration was cut in half. Some services are led by lay congregants.

## **Moderator**

This year a new moderator was elected. Congratulations to the Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Kwisal'akw, who was elected as our 44th United Church Moderator. She was installed on August 7, and will be the church's spiritual leader for the next three years.

## **Pandemic**

With the pandemic rules changing there was a “Return to In-Person Annual Meetings”. During the pandemic, the General Council issued a temporary amendment of the Bylaws re Pastoral Relations and Congregational Annual Meetings. This temporary amendment expired as of July 1, 2022. As of that date, Communities of Faith are required to revert to the decision-making polity and procedures prescribed in [The Manual, 2022](#), relating to pastoral relations and annual meetings. Communities of Faith are once again in a position to hold in-person meetings with their entire membership, while remaining mindful of the rules with respect to gatherings set by their local public health authorities.

**What does a Regional Delegate do?**

- is a disciple of the churches
- uses newsletters, website to keep current
- brings these to the congregation

Submitted by,

Diane Trudeau

Rep. For Prairie to Pine Regional Council

## Meridian Pastoral Charge 2022 - Avonlea United Church Report

It has been wonderful to be gathering in-person again. Our numbers continue to be small but those who attend are always enlightened by Rev. James reflections and stories – thank you. Our fellowship after worship also aims to nurture bonds of friendship and support. We miss the chatter and energy from our young families but are especially thankful for the commitment of the small group of children and teachers who continue to meet weekly for Sunday school.

2022 began with us worshiping with Rev. James every Sunday. We were closed the month of July and resumed summer worship in August. Since September, we have been Streaming worship with Sanford. Also in September, we began meeting the second Sunday of the month at 11:00AM. This has given us a chance to have Rev. James in-person more often and to coordinate Communion a little easier across the Charge. We plan to continue this arrangement until June 2023. We met with Meridian Worship and Rev. James to coordinate meaningful worship time across the charge. Thank you Rev. James for continually being concerned about the quality of our services and working towards improvements.

Connie Arran and Angie Cormier gathered us together Christmas Eve with a very special service. Outside our ice-candle “Flow of Love” warmed our hearts.

We enjoyed two well attended intergenerational events – a Game Nite in May and a Pizza Party to decorated for Advent.

This year we welcomed four Children into the Avonlea Family of Faith through Baptism and bid farewell to family and friends at four internments at Avonlea Cemetery.

The Board met five times throughout the year, three by Zoom, two in-person. We are working at reviewing and updating our church policies.

This has been a year of regrouping, reorganizing and rebuilding, not only locally but across the Meridian Pastoral Charge. There are no big or small tasks, there are only important ones that wea all take on.

Let us keep praying and working together and trusting in God who is bigger than the challenges and changes that we face.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do what is right, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8.

Respectfully submitted: Jane Manness

Avonlea United Church Chairperson

## Report from Sanford United Church

Official Board for 2022

Chair – Jamie Scharf / Secretary - Tammy Klippenstein / Treasurer-Norm Dyck

Minister - Rev. James deBeer

Member at Large - Nancy Langlois

Sub Committees

Worship- Barb Kirk, Ken Boyd, Nancy Langlois, Tammy Klippenstein

Sunday School Teachers: Onnolee Scharf, Nancy Langlois

Property & Maintenance: Todd Ringash, Norm Dyck, Marc Nolette, Blair Johnson

Project Comm – Pat Schnell, Nancy D., Nancy L, Tammy K, Kelly Epler

Rentals -- Jamie Scharf

Cards – Nancy Langlois

M&P Representative - Julie Ringash

Outreach Committee- Barb Batulla, Barb Kirk, Onnolee Scharf and Julie Ringash

Board of Trustees - Nancy Langlois, Carolyn Johnson, Rev. James deBeer

Board meetings were held on Jan. 12 and Dec. 14.

Another busy year for our little congregation in the books! Our building now sports a nice looking new roof which also keeps the weather out. And our worship service has returned to in person format every Sunday. The new twist being that Rev. James is alternating his live streaming from Domain or Sanford. In other words, he's in person with us every other Sunday. Thanks to Rev. James for doing that and to our congregation for keeping an open mind towards new ideas.

Housing community events/programs is also a refreshing sign of life in our church that continues.

Baptisms

- Eli Kenneth Langlois, child of Jay and Candice Langlois, May 1, 2022
- Cameryn Rosalie Langlois, child of Jay and Candice Langlois, May 1, 2022
- Jack Maurice Dufault, child of Allison Kirk and Denis Dufault, May 1, 2022
- Walker Woroniuk, child of Allison & Nicholas Woroniuk, Dec. 4, 2022

Weddings

- Serena Klippenstein and Mackenzie Ross, July 30, 2022

Funerals

- Lilian Murner, April 9, 2022

Given how we continue to adapt to our changing times, I have confidence that we will be able to deal with any challenges 2023 may bring us.

Respectfully submitted

Jamie Scharf

## Chair Report Starbuck

We can be grateful that 2022 was more “normal” than the preceding two years and hope that 2023 will be even better. While covid and other respiratory viruses continue to plague our communities and to threaten our health care delivery we are grateful that the vaccinations and due diligence have made certain things possible again.

We are grateful to Rev. James for his amazing work during the times we were unable to be together and are doubly grateful to have had him every Sunday this year for in person worship. We are very happy to be able to get together before services in fellowship.

This year we have put the church site on the market which is a very large step. Recognizing that we will not be rebuilding it seemed the sensible thing to relieve ourselves of the tax burden and maintenance costs. On the positive side we have secured a memorial for the church by funding a columbarium at the cemetery where we have also relocated our memorial benches. We have also replaced the plaques on the benches with granite ones. A plaque is in the works for the columbarium to recognize the generosity of the Wilcox family.

It was really good to see the choir back in action and the cantata which was also a joint service with our Lutheran family was a huge success.

Once again thanks go out to the people involved in the running of the church without who's efforts we could not function.

Margaret Chair (again.)

## Meridian Inter-Church Council Report for 2022

Our mission as the Meridian Inter-church Council is to be the visible sign of unity of the body of Christ to our church communities of La Salle, Sanford, Starbuck, Domain, Brunkild, Springstein, and Oak Bluff, through Scripture, prayer, worship, and service. We are a support to one another by sharing Christ's love as clergy and lay-people at all times and in all places. In Christ's name we share our peace and the comforting word of God's Grace with one another and our communities.

Nine churches in Southern MB make up this council: Avonlea, Sanford and Starbuck United Churches, Oakbluff Bible Church, La Salle Community Fellowship, Springstein Mennonite, St Hyacinthe RC Parish, Trinity Lutheran (Starbuck) and St Paul's Lutheran (Brunkild). The annual fee is \$100 per year for a total of \$700 dues collected per year. The United Church payment alternates between the three parishes: Avonlea (2023); Starbuck (2024) and Sanford (2025), MIC bank balance as of Dec 31, 2022 is \$956.00.



The current committee, with 1-2 representatives from each church group, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am, approx. 9 times/year, on a rotational schedule – with meetings in churches, member homes, or on Zoom - January to December. No meetings in December or during summer months. MIC Meeting minutes are shared with Jamie Scharf from Sanford United and Melody Mosset from Starbuck United.

At each meeting we intimately share and support what is happening in each of our churches. As a committee we focus on Christian Unity regardless of differences that separate the churches.

The committee finished the discussion of Love Does by Geoffrey Geoff. The Search Video Series [www.thesearchbegins.org](http://www.thesearchbegins.org) has replaced book discussion. It is a current look at the church today.

One Baccalaureate Service Award of \$500 was awarded to a student from Starbuck Trinity Lutheran Nolan Houde for their involvement in Church, school & community. Pastor Deb presented the award.

The Meridian Inter-church Family Baseball Tournament was cancelled due to weather. It was decided to have an indoor option for bad weather events. It was also suggested the committee plan two events for 2023 - BBQ and baseball and a curling event in 2023.

The Advent service was hosted by Pastor Dave Hildebrandt at Oakbluff Community Church on December 1 at 7 pm. There were over 200 people in person and a live stream option. The service began with opening prayer followed by Scripture readings and commentaries on Hope, Joy, Love, Peace with church choirs and congregational singing. The collection - approx \$900 - was donated to Manitoba Harvest.

I have just resigned from this committee (Cathy Beavis will join the committee in January) and would like to resign from any other committees that I have had to pleasure to serve on. I will truly miss everyone at Avonlea Church.

Respectfully submitted December 28, 2022 by Judy Manness

## Meridian Pastoral Charge December 31, 2022 Financial Report

As I will be missing the Annual meeting in February of 2023, I thought I would write a few notes pertaining to the financials.

### Receipts

Starbuck increased their monthly allocations to match both Sanford and Avonlea's contributions

for a total of \$29,400 annually.

The mission and Service and World Development receipts and disbursements are the same as they are based on what the 3 churches transfer to the MPC account.

**- The total receipts for the year are \$97,055.23.**

### Disbursements

MPC did not pay for any pulpit supply in 2022.

Because of the increase on the price of gasoline, UCC increased the reimbursement rate for mileage from .41c to .46c during the year.

The Website Domain expense is for 2022 and 2023. We get the bill in December of each year for the following year, however, for some reason the bill from December 2021 never got to me until sometimes in 2022.

Our banking fees of \$15.00 are for e-transfers. We are set up to make e-transfers which I believe is cheaper than using cheques and the postage required to mail the cheques. It is also more convenient for the treasurer as I do not have to go the post office. Also, monies are received immediately by the recipients, especially for reimbursing James for his expenses.

**- Total disbursements are \$101,387.89**

**- Receipts over disbursements = -\$4332.66 a net loss.**

At the beginning of the year the bank account balance was \$16,259.05

Add receipts 97,055.23

Less disbursements 101,387.89

Add transfer for the Manse term deposit 15,000.00

December 31, 2022 bank balance \$26,926.39

### Meridian Pastoral Charge 2023 Projections

The 2023 Receipts projections are very close to the 2022 actual results.

The receipts are projected at \$96,560.00. The reason this is a bit lower than 2022 is that I projected a lower amount for Mission and Service which does not affect our bottom line as this amount is a in and out transaction.

The expenses are projected at \$112,437. Which is approximately \$11,000.00 more than the 2022 actual. The increase in expenses is mainly due to James salary which will be about \$5000.00 more this year. The increase in salary is caused by the annual raise of 3.4% and the fact that the UCC has re-evaluated the cost of living regions, and our region will be changed from region 3 to region 4 which has a higher salary range. This will take effect on July 1, 2023. The mileage expense projection has gone up by \$1100.00 as the per kilometre rate is now 55c/km. James got reimbursed for 8563 kms in 2022.

The other increases from the 2022 actuals are projected amounts such as for other travel and meetings/workshops that were suspended due to Covid and I am not sure if they will resume. I thought that I would leave them in the projections again for another year. I am also allocating \$2000.00 for capital expenditures

With the above projections we will sustain a loss of \$15,877.50.

As we have \$26,926.39 in the bank account as at January 1, 2023, I feel that we do not have to transfer any funds this year from the Manse term deposit which stands at \$80,000.00.

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December 31, 2022 Meridian Financial Statement with Projections

RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	DIFFERENCE	NOTES	
INTEREST	\$1235.00	\$1235.00	\$0.00	Same as 2020	Renewed the TD, interest to be paid at end of 1 year term.
AVONLEA MPC	\$29400.00	\$29400.00	\$0.00	\$2450/Month	
STARBUCK MPC	\$29400.00	\$20400.00	\$9000.00	\$1700/Month, now matching the other churches contributions	
SANFORD MPC	\$29400.00	\$29400.00	\$0.00	\$2450/Month	
AVONLEA M&S/WD	\$3383.00	\$3000.00	\$383.00	Based on 2021	
STARBUCK M&S/WD	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$0.00	Based on 2021	
SANFORD M&S/WD	\$1995.66	\$1000.00	\$995.66	Based on 2021	
S/H Dividend	\$16.57	\$0.00	\$16.57		
Other	\$225.00		\$225.00		James gift reim from the churches
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$97055.23</b>	<b>\$86435.00</b>	<b>\$10620.23</b>		
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>					
PAYROLL JAMES	\$84256.32	\$83894.00	-\$362.32	Increase of 1.3%, CPP, EI and bump in salary, inc pone and cont. Ed	
PAYROLL OTHER	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	1 pulpit Supply for each church	
UCC ASSESSMENT	\$4156.00	\$4156.00	\$0.00		
WORLD DEVELOPMENT	\$1863.00	\$3000.00	\$1137.00	Same as last year	
MISSION AND SERVICE	\$5515.66	\$3000.00	-\$2515.66	Same as last year	
PULPIT SUPPLY EXPENSES	\$100.80	\$450.00	\$349.20		Palms
MILEAGE EXPENSES JAMES	\$3871.38	\$4000.00	\$128.62	.41c/km/.46	
TRAVEL EXPENSES OTHER	\$0.00	\$1200.00	\$1200.00		
BULLETINS/OTHER	\$661.91	\$700.00	\$38.09		
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$191.50	\$550.00	\$358.50	Subscription to microsoft family	
WEBSITE DOMAIN	\$231.00	\$136.50	-\$94.50		
MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00		
Capital	\$329.49	\$2000.00	\$1670.51	External drive and microphone for James	
Banking Fees	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$35.00		
Sunday school/Children	\$195.83	\$400.00	\$204.17		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$101387.89</b>	<b>\$105336.50</b>	<b>-\$3948.61</b>	Bank Rec for Dec 31, 2022	
			\$0.00	Beginning balance	\$16,259.05
<b>RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>-\$4332.66</b>	<b>-\$1890.50</b>	<b>\$14568.84</b>	Add Receipts	97,055.23
TRANSFER FROM MANSE	\$15000.00	\$15000.00	\$0.00	Add trf from Term deposit	15,000.00
<b>CHEQUING ACCOUNT RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$10667.34</b>	<b>-\$3901.50</b>	<b>\$14568.84</b>	Less disbursements	101,387.89
Chequing B/A balance December 31, 2022	\$26,926.39	Reconciled, o/s dep from Starbuck for M&S for \$2000		Bank Balance Dec 31, 2022 reconciled.	26,926.39
GIC Balance	\$80,000.00	As at December 31, 2022			
NOTES:	Starbuck increased their monthly contributions to match the other 2 churches. The M&S and WD amounts are similar to 20				
	There were no big surprises as far as expenses.				Page   20

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RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	DIFFERENCE	NOTES	
INTEREST	\$0.00	1235	-1235	Same as 2022	Renewed the TD, interest to be paid at end of 1 year term.
AVONLEA MPC	\$0.00	29400	-29400	\$2450/Month	
STARBUCK MPC	\$0.00	29400	-29400	\$2450/Month	
SANFORD MPC	\$0.00	29400	-29400	\$2450/Month	
AVONLEA M&S/WD	\$0.00	3000	-3000	Based on 2022	
STARBUCK M&S/WD	\$0.00	2000	-2000	Based on 2022	
SANFORD M&S/WD	\$0.00	1900	-1900	Based on 2022	
Other	\$0.00	225	-225		James gift reim from the churches
			0		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$0.00	96560	-96560		
DISBURSEMENTS					
PAYROLL JAMES	\$0.00	89413	89413	Increase of 3.4%, CPP, EI, phone and cont. ed., there will be another increase in July of 2023, moving from Cost Of Living group 3 to 4. Annual increase of \$4286. 1/2 year increase \$2143	
PAYROLL OTHER	\$0.00	1000	1000	1 pulpit Supply for each church	
UCC ASSESSMENT	\$0.00	3838	3838		
WORLD DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00	1900	1900	Same as last year	
MISSION AND SERVICE	\$0.00	5000	5000	Same as last year	
PULPIT SUPPLY EXPENSES	\$0.00	450	450		Palms
MILEAGE EXPENSES JAMES	\$0.00	5000	5000	.55/km	8563 kms in 2022
TRAVEL EXPENSES OTHER	\$0.00	1200	1200		
BULLETINS/OTHER	\$0.00	700	700		
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$0.00	550	550		
WEBSITE DOMAIN	\$0.00	136.5	136.5		
MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP	\$0.00	800	800		
Capital	\$0.00	2000	2000		
Banking Fees	\$0.00	50	50		
Sunday school/Children	\$0.00	400	400		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	112437.5	-112437.5		
			0		
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	-15877.5	15877.5		
TRANSFER FROM MANSE	\$0.00	0	0		
CHEQUING ACCOUNT RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$0.00	-15877.5	15877.5		
Chequing B/A balance Jan 1, 2023		26926.39			
GIC Balance		80000			

Notes: Minister's salary will take a more than normal jump this year as per my note above. The mileage cost has increased from .46 to .55c per km.

We have \$26,926.39 in the bank account as at January 1, 2023, with a projected shortfall \$14,877. Therefore no transfer will be required from the GIC | 21