Meridian Pastoral Charge
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Sanford United Church

Avonlea United Church

Starbuck United Church

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Mission Statement

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 27th, 2023

Call to order
Opening prayer
Appointment of chairperson and recording secretary
Review of agenda
Last year's minutes MPC AGM - corrections /adoption
Business arriving from minutes

Minister's Report
Chairperson's Report

Committee Reports: Worship
Ministry & Personal
Regional Council - Prairie to Pine
Interchurch
Trustee
Motion to adopt
Church Report: Avonlea
Sanford
Starbuck

Financial Report
Motion to adopt report as circulated and reviewed

Old Business:
Please send a copy of Annual reports to all churches in MPC and a hard copy and digital copy to Prairie to Pine regional office.

Correspondence:

MPC Budget for 2024
Discuss/approve/ adopt budget

New Business:
1. Election of MPC Board members
2. Report on REMIT

Appointment of Auditor

Confirm MPC meeting dates
Set date for next years AGM.
Adjournment

Slate of MPC Board Members

Minister: Rev James deBeer

Chair

ViceChair

Secretary

Treasurers: Avonlea
Sanford
Starbuck

Worship: Avonlea - Chair
Sanford
Starbuck

M & P: Starbuck - Chair
Sanford
Avonlea

Region 5 - Prairie to Pine Rep

Interchurch

Chairpersons: Avonlea
Sanford
Starbuck

Members at large: Avonlea
Sanford
Starbuck

2022 Meridian Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting Minutes

at Sanford United Church
February 28, 2023 DRAFT

Call Meeting to Order – Rev. James deBeer
Opening prayer – Rev. James deBeer
Attendance – Marc Nolette, Georges Cormier, Ken Beavis, Cathy Beavis, Jane Manness, Stuart Manness, Rev. James deBeer, Jamie Scharf, Diane Trudeau, Nancy Langlois, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter

Regrets - Barb Kirk
Election of Chairperson and Secretary – Rev. James deBeer asked for volunteers. Jamie Scharf volunteered to chair the meeting. Diane Trudeau volunteered to be secretary.

Adoption of Agenda – Motion: to accept the agenda by Michele Ammeter/Georges Cormier. Carried.

Adoption of the 2022 minutes – there was an error in the Prairie to Pine report. It should read, "At the Collaborative Ministry Conversation Jane Manness "attended" not "audited" the meeting. **Motion: t**o accept the minutes as corrected by Nancy Langlois/Stuart Manness.

REPORTS
Ministers
Rev. James deBeer added to his report – Prairie to Pine Regional Council meeting will be June 4th, 2023 at Meadow United Church. MPC (Meridian Pastoral Charge) worship services will be led by lay members.

Worship
In addition to the report it was added that the Worship leadership position is a 2 year term. Communion dates would be the first Sunday of each church season but is changeable to be more accommodating to some C.O.F (Community of Faiths).

M&P
nothing to add

Regional Council – Prairie to Pine
Reminder to send a copy of annual reports to all C.O.F in M PC as well as email and send a hard copy to the Prairie to Pine Council.

Trustee report - none
Trustee Board for MPC
Michele Ammeter – Starbuck United Church
Jamie Scharf – Sanford United Church
Ron Manness – Avonlea United Church
Rev. James deBeer

Motion: Inter-church annual fee $100 will be paid by Meridian Pastoral Charge starting 2023. Michele Ammeter/Jane Manness. Carried.
Motion: to accept all reports as presented. Michele Ammeter/ Georges Cormier. Carried.

Treasurer Report
Motion: to approve the Financial Report as presented by Georges Cormier/Stuart Manness. Carried.

Meridian Pastoral Charge 2023 Budget Projection
The budget was set higher to be on the safe side. There will be no manse money transfer next year.
Motion: to accept the 2023 Budget Projection by Georges Cormier/Margaret Porter. Carried.

Future of MPC Discussion

-Extended Projections by Georges Cormier- MPC is viable until 2027. All three C.O.M are able to support the yearly expenses.

-Avonlea and Sanford United Churches are sharing services through technology.

2022 Review of Books – MPC needs to get someone with a Mac computer so they can receive and review the reports from Georges Cormier's Mac computer.

Correspondence – none

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2023 Board Members

Chair	Stuart Manness
Vice Chair	Diane Trudeau
Minister	James deBeer
Secretary	Jamie Scharf
Treasurer	Georges Cormier (MPC)
Avonlea	Cliff Harrison
Sanford	Norm Dyck
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter and Margaret Porter

Region 5 Prairie to Pine Rep. Diane Trudeau

Diane Trudeau would like another volunteer from MPC to be on this position. Diane will be the rep for two more years and then resign.

Worship:

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

M&P:

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

Inter-Church	Cathy Beavis
Avonlea Chair	Jane Manness
Starbuck Chair	Margaret Porter
Sanford Chair	Jamie Scharf

Members at Large

Avonlea	Cathy Beavis
Sanford	Nancy Langlois
Starbuck	Michele Ammeter

Confirmation of MPC Meeting Dates:

Tuesday April 11, 2023 -AVONLEA - 7 PM
Tuesday September 12, 2023 – SANFORD – 7 PM
Tuesday November 14 Zoom 2023 – STARBUCK – 7 PM
Tuesday February 27, 2024 – STARBUCK – 7 PM (AGM)

Adjournment by Michele Ammeter at 8:50 pm

Minister's Report

"Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches….If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness… Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12

It kind of feels like we've been through the ringer in 2023. So many people I have conversations with speak about being tired—tired emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Our world has been through so much these last few years. We waited so long for things to get back to 'normal' after the pandemic and while many things have returned, reopened, restarted, it doesn't necessarily feel like we're back to normal. Please forgive me for using a phrase that may make you cringe, but it seems like this is the 'new normal.' Everything, from work to just getting out of bed, feels like it takes more energy, more effort. And sometimes it feels easier to just stay home.

Plus, there's conflict everywhere, all the time. Just following world events in the news can be a struggle—which is obviously nothing compared to those actually in the midst of these struggles: wars, climate, divisive politics, scams, artificial intelligence 'deep fakes'. It just feels like too much sometimes. On top of it all, there's inflation which has been a stress for all of us—hitting those with fewer resources particularly hard. We see so much need in our communities but are finding hard to meet these needs.

In his Second letter to the Corinthians, Paul shares his own experience of struggles which are, undoubtedly, a bit more severe that what most of us are going through to be sure. But I think his experience and conclusion offer us some hope and insight into our own experiences.

"Power is made perfect in weakness" can be a tough pill for anyone to swallow, especially when you're just looking to catch a break. One hardly feels powerful when you're getting slammed with one struggle after another. But what Paul is saying reminds me of a lyric from the song by Janis Joplin: "*Me and Bobby McGee*." It goes: "***Freedom is just another word for nothin' left to loose***". Our decisions are often controlled by estimating what we stand to gain and what we stand to loose in the different outcomes. We are much more likely to 'play it safe' when valuable things are potentially on the line. But when those valuable things are already gone, or they become less of a priority, it frees our

decision making from fear of loss. It's sort of like the Coles Notes of Buddhism: let go of your desires and you will achieve enlightenment. If you don't desire anything, you won't experience fear or suffering because anything you loose, you didn't want or desire in the first place.

I think perhaps the freedom Janis sings about speaks to a truth that when we don't focus on what we might loose, decision making is more real and we tend to focus more on the essentials—what really matters. All too often, we clutch on to the status quo because it's what we're used to, what we're familiar with—even if it isn't that great in the grand scheme of things. '*Better the devil you know than the devil you don't know…*' As we cling out of fear, we end up prioritizing things like 'keeping up appearances' and never trying anything new because it might mean too many variables will wrest free from our imagined control. We're reluctant to change or explore when it seems there is too much to loose, too much on the line: resources, reputation, popularity, whatever. But when there's nothing left to loose, you're 'free' to try something new, take a different path, take a risk. Freedom means letting go of operating only out of a mindset of 'what do I stand to loose,' but also looking at 'what do I stand to gain.' And even more importantly: being free allows us to be our authentic selves.

One can imagine if a PR firm was working with Jesus and he told them: 'I'm going to tell the people that I am the Bread of Life and that they must eat my flesh and drink my blood', the PR firm would have said, 'No way Jesus…there's way too much too loose here. Your career, your reputation will be on the line and you'll loose too many followers.' But the thing is, Jesus' life and teachings weren't a calculation or a strategic plan. He wasn't living his life afraid of what he'd loose. He didn't even fear loosing his life. He lived authentically, unapologetically as his self and said and did what he believed—albeit with a pastoral vibe meant to help and uplift others. I suppose my point in all of this is that the church is at a point where we simply have to live authentically without trying to contort ourselves into something we think people want; we just have to be ourselves without being controlled by fear or desperation.

What does that mean for our churches with smaller attendance, fewer volunteers, and fewer resources? I think we just focus on the simple things: making the gatherings we do have meaningful and joyful and doing what we can when we can. At the end of the day, the church is about our faith community gathering for worship, fellowship and taking care of each other. Gathering and assisting those in need are the two aspects of church we are called to focus on right now. Afterall, we know each other, we love each other, we've been through so much together. Let us continue to gather and look after each other.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. James

Meridian Pastoral Charge
Chairperson Report

Thank you Rev. James for ministering to our many needs this past year. You encourage us to live our faith from day to day, no matter the challenges we encounter.

Thank you to the Meridian Pastoral Board and our individual Boards who are committed to the life and work of our churches in Starbuck, Sanford and Avonlea.

We met three times during the year, either in person or by Zoom.

We introduced the Remit on the subject of establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the United Church of Canada. After discussion and a very informative Zoom presentation by our P2P executive minister Rev. Shannon McCarthy we voted Yes to the Category 3 Remit at our November meeting.

Rev. James and the Worship Committee kept us organized and moving through the many Seasons of the Church Year.
The M&P committee gave Rev.James support throughout the year.
The Meridian Interchurch Council, provided both fun and worshipful opportunities for the churches in our Municipality to come together.

Thank Starbuck United for the generous donation to the Pastoral Charge.

Diane Trudeau is retiring from her position as P2P Rep. Thank you Diane for your commitment to our Charge and to the United Church of Canada.

Respectfully submitted
Jane Manness
Chairperson for Meridian Pastoral Charge.

Meridian Worship Committee Report 2023

The Meridian Worship Committee meets once a year. This year's annual meeting was held at Sanford United Church on August 29,2023. In attendance: Reverend James DeBeer, Michelle Ammeter, Margaret Porter, Jane Manness, Janice Harrison, Julie Ringash and Barb Kirk.

Comments about previous year- Rev. James commented that it was very nice to have a full year of in person services. As well Online services appear to have a favourable response. The views vary from over 20 views some Sundays to no views one Sunday this past June. Thank you to Rev. James for leading us in meaningful worship and for keeping us together.

Meridian Worship Leadership Schedule September 2023 to June 2024:
Sanford- Rev. James every Sunday at 9:30 am
Starbuck- Rev. James every other Sunday at 11:30 am. Lay leader alternate Sundays and joint service with the Lutheran congregation the second Sunday of the month.
Avonlea- Rev. James every other Sunday at 11:00 am. Live streaming alternate Sundays.

Communion dates:
World Wide Communion/Thanksgiving - October 1/23 (Avonlea October 8)
Advent 1 -December 3/23 (Avonlea December 10)
Epiphany- January 7/24 (Avonlea January 14)
Lent 1- February 18/24 (Avonlea February 25)
Easter- March 31`/24 (Avonlea may have pulpit supply on Easter- to be determined)
Pentecost- May 19/24 (Avonlea May 26)

Special Service /Worship:
-Lectionary year- Year A to Year B
-Scripture readings- a member of the congregation will continue to be asked to do the first reading each Sunday.
-Recovenanting service-will be on September 24/23 in Sanford and Avonlea. Rev. James will provide a new Recovenanting service to be more general.
-Remembrance Day Service- Rev. James has been asked to be part of the service with the Domain Legion this Remembrance Day. Sanford Legion will need to lead their own service. Sanford United Church will need to advise the Sanford Legion.
-Hanging of the Greens- each congregation will schedule their own date.
-Advent readings- Rev. James will provide the reading.
-White Gift service- Avonlea and Sanford will determine their own dates. Starbuck contributes to the hamper with the Lutheran Church.
-Memory tree- Avonlea and Sanford will have this as part of the service on December 10/23.
-Blue Christmas service- Rev. James and Pastor Deb from Starbuck Lutheran Church will have this as a joint online service on December 21/23.
-Christmas Eve services on Sunday December 24/23- Starbuck 5:00 pm , Avonlea 7:00pm, Sanford-may have Pulpit supply on Christmas Eve. To be determined. It is unlikely there will be any Sunday morning services on Christmas Eve.

-Lent readings- Rev. James will provide the readings.
-Liturgy of Ashes- will be determined closer to Easter.
-Holy Week services- Maundy Thursday-March 28/24– Rev. James will look at a new Children's curriculum for ideas. To be determined at a later date ; Good Friday-March 29/24– Avonlea 10 AM; Easter Sunday March 31/24. Holy Week is over the school spring break this year.
-Interfaith Service- There is no date yet but it is usually the first Sunday of Advent- December 3/23.
-Union Point- date to be determined as June 30th is part of the July long weekend. The Union Point Service may be on June 23/24.
-Order of Service- discussion around the current order of service. The service can follow any direction/ order that Rev. James would prefer. The Lord's Prayer may be changed to be prior to the children going down for Sunday School.
-Recorded services- All services will continue to be online. Rev. James has purchased a webcam which has improved recording the online services.
-Children's Ministry- Julie has advised that the Whole People of God curriculum for children's ministry is no longer available. Rev. James has suggested that we trial a Scottish children's curriculum – Spill the Beans. It is seasonally based, but does not necessarily follow the lectionary. Rev. James will send a link to the worship committee. Decision was made to trial this curriculum for three months and then make a decision whether or not to continue.
-Additional Business- none

Chairperson schedule and representation at Meridian Board Meetings

Sanford 2023 (Barb Kirk)- to continue until August 2024
Avonlea 2024/2025 - to start August 2024
Starbuck 2026/2027

Next meeting- August 27/24 7:30pm at Sanford United Church. Avonlea to chair.

Respectfully submitted
Barb Kirk

M&P Report

The Ministry and Personal Committee of Meridian Pastoral Charge met twice by Zoom.

March 21st - Main focus was The church leadership schedule to the end of June and the new schedule which started August 13th.
Church worship times starting on September 10th, 2023 have James every Sunday inSanford @ 9:30 am and in Avonlea and Starbuck on alternating Sundays
@11:00 - Avonlea and 11:30 - Starbuck. We also discussed James holiday schedule in July followed by 3 reading/study weeks until he resumed Church
Service Leadership on August 13 @ Avonlea.

Nov 7 - This meeting we evaluated the reception of you tube services in Avonlea
And reviewed James workload with meetings, Service prep, You Tube presentations, Pastoral Care and possibilities of Bible study , and possibilities of confirmation classes.

James will be taking a week holiday from Monday Feb 11-17. Avonlea and Sanford's Worship Committees will be responsible for those Sunday Services in their respective congregations. Starbuck will be worshipping with Trinity Lutheran in Starbuck.

Please contact James with pastoral care and personal sacrement needs in your church family at reverendjdebeer@gmail.com or phone: 204-461-4665.

Resectfully submitted by: Stuart Manness, Judy Cormier, Michele Ammeter, Julie Ringash

Meridian Pastoral Charge Prairie to Pine Representative Report

February 27, 2024 at Starbuck United Church

Prairie to Pine Regional Meeting

The Prairie to Pine Regional meeting was June 1-4 at St. Vital United Church. It was on a record breaking heat wave and so many viewed the meeting at home via Zoom. The big issue this year was the proposal of the Indigenous church requesting a Remit on becoming an "autonomous National Indigenous Organization within the United Church of Canada." Time at the regional meeting was spent on discussion and hearing the views of Indigenous church members.

Workshops were offered and provided shared discussions:

Rural Connect- Community of Faiths (COF) can share weekly services with Atlantic United Church in Transcona via a technology/Hub/internet system.

Rural Ministries Town Hall - participants discussed how they dealt with problems of distance and lack of resources to make ends meet. I was paired with Kenora and Elmo United Church in Ontario. They were fascinated with Starbuck United Church over coming the lost of church and pianist as they have music issues. Also they were very interested in our Inter-church group and how faith can be shared.

Sewing Ribbon Skirts- Angela Roulette spoke about the spiritual, social and educational connections made when several grassroots groups, including Trinity United Church in Portage La Prairie joined to donate material and sew 500 ribbon skirts for her Give Away for Indigenous ceremony participants.

Future of Regional Meetings

Regional meetings may not be held every year or perhaps a combination of Zoom meetings and in-person meetings. As the United Church of Canada is still trying to figure out how to manage it's new structure and trying to accommodate all meetings in the regions.

Prairie to Pine Newsletter

The monthly newsletters keep everyone informed as to what is happening within our own region and within the broader church.

Remit

Reading material was provided to Board members regarding the remit. Meridian Pastoral Charge Board Members held a Zoom meeting with Shannon McCarthy, Executive Minister for Prairie to Pine. She provided the background to the request for the Remit and answered questions. Meridian Pastoral Charge voted in favour of the remit at the November 14, 2023 meeting. Our vote was submitted.

Attention Secretaries Please send Community of Faith and Meridian Pastoral Charge Annual Reports to-

Hard copy to: **Prairie to Pine Regional Council 60 Maryland Street Winnipeg MB R3G 1K7**

and E copy to: PrairietoPine@united-church.ca

I will no longer be the representative for Prairie to Pine but I would like to say I have enjoyed the experience for the last 9 years working within the Presbytery/Prairie to Pine region.

Submitted by,

Diane Trudeau
Rep. for Prairie to Pine Regional Council

Meridian Pastoral Charge
Avonlea United Church 2023 Report

The year began with us worshipping at 9:30AM and 11:00AM every second Sunday, in order to have Rev James worship with us a little more frequently. This regular schedule worked out fairly well. Since September we have been worshipping 11:00AM. We have discovered it is Rev. James in the pulpit that gives a boost to our attendance, not the time of service.

We held worship on 46 Sundays, which included 5 Communion Services and a June service at Union Point Church on Highway 75. One Sunday in March was cancelled due to snowy roads. July was a holiday month for both Rev James and our congregation. We resumed worship on August 13th.

During the summer, we carried out an extensive Foundation and Drainage project around the church. The church is now serviced with fibre-optics, and we have updated some of our systems.

For the last two years, the Board has been reviewing our church policies. At the 2023 Annual meeting we completed this review with the presentation of the Board and Cemetery Policies.
We discussed the Autonomous National Indigenous Organization Remit and participated in very informative Zoom presentation by our P2P Executive minister, Rev. Shannon McCarthy.

Our Christmas Eve service with Rev. James ended a busy Advent Season which included activities in the church, a food drive with LaSalle churches and community and our “Glow of Love” ice candles.

Thank you Rev. Jame for nurturing us along our faith journey. Your compassionate spirit encourages, guides and heals us.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Manness
Chairperson Avonlea UC

Report from Sanford United Church

Official Board for 2023
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 meeting was held on Oct. 5th.
No Baptisms or weddings
Funerals

3. Stephen Klippenstien, January 25, 2023

Our active little congregation has had meaningful discussions throughout 2023 about how we continue our work in the years to come. Starting shortly after the 2022 annual meeting, we had some informal discussions with those who care most about Sanford United during our Sunday morning fellowship which then resulted in a more formal event on Nov 8, 2023 when we analyzed our historic finances and average attendance. While recognizing the situation today is much different in the past, it was reassuring to hear healthy conversation about the future. We confirmed that we are still serving the needs of our regular attendees and then continued to brainstorm about how we might catch the attention of the casual and even non-attender. Leaving with renewed enthusiasm and some dates for more non-wrship events. This has included:

- Bingo
- Family Fun Day with Children's entertainment
- Children’s Advent activity nights

And of course, our Sunday worship continues to be meaningful both in person and live streamed on YouTube. Thanks to Rev. James for leading that and to Kelly Epler for her musical leadership. Looking forward to the happenings in 2024!

Respectfully submitted Jamie Scharf

Starbuck Report for 2023

Our annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday January 21st 2024. The council going forward is:
Chair - Margaret Porter
Secretary - Melanie Stanley
Treasurer – Michele Ammeter and M|argaret Porter
M&P -Michele Ammeter
Worship - Diane Trudeau
Projects - Janice McMorran
Pastoral Care- Sharon Masse

We have unfortunately had 2 funerals, 1 interment, no weddings or baptisms.

We continue to struggle with small numbers in our congregation but enjoy weekly services and special events such as the pancake supper and horticulture night. Thanks to everyone who makes these things possible.

Margaret Porter
chair

MERIDIAN PASTORAL CHARGE INTER-CHURCH REPORT for 2023

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 through scripture, prayer, worship and service. Nine churches in southern Manitoba make up this council. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am at the churches in rotational schedule. We don't have meetings in December or during the summer months. At each meeting we share what is happening in each of our churches.

Our committee begins with a psalm reading and we discuss the reading and how it is relevant to our churches. We have had nine meetings since the last annual meeting. Some of our highlights have been:

The MICC Grade Twelve Scholarship was awarded to four applicants; Brooklyn Piasta, Morgan Lippens, Mason Recksiedle and Sam Walther. Each applicant received $250. We will discuss changing our current process for distributing these scholarships in the coming year.

We had the annual MICC baseball tournament/barbecue at St Paul's in Brunkild on Thursday, June 15th. It was a great success and lots of fun!

Each church submitted a photo of their church and Father Gabriel is making a poster to promote our MICC to all the churches.

Our committee supported the band "The Color" that performed at the Rec Centre in La Salle on Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm. It was attended by about two hundred multi-generational people and overall was very successful.

The Advent Service was hosted by Pastor Debra at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 3rd at 7 pm. Beautiful music and commentaries on Hope, Joy, Love and Peace entertained a large audience.

I have enjoyed being on the MICC council and will continue for another year.

Respectfully submitted January 28, 2024 by Cathy Beavis

MPC Financial report for the 12months ending December 31/23

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
ALLOCATIONS	$88200.00	$88200.00	0	
INTEREST	$1200.00	$1235.00	-$35.00	
M&S/WD	$7345.51	$6900.00	445.51	
S/H DIVIDEND	$25.32	$0.00	$25.32	
OTHER	$10225.00	$225.00	10000	Min gift/SUC
TOTAL RE-CEIPTS	106995.83	$96560.00	10435.83	
DISBURSE-MENT				
PAYROLL JAMES	$88444.72	$89413.00	-968.28	
PAYROLL OTHER	$232.00	$1000.00	-768	Peter M. Sanford
UCC ASSESS	$3838.00	$3838.00	0	
M&S/WD	$7345.51	$6900.00	445.51	
PULPIT SUP-PLY	$0.00	$450.00	-450	
MILE EXP JAMES	$5019.30	$5000.00	19.3	
TRAVEL OTHER	$35.20	$1200.00	-1164.8	Travel for Peter
BULLETINS/ OTH	$300.00	$700.00	-400	
OFFICE SUP-PLY	$808.07	$550.00	258.07	
WEB DOMAIN	$136.50	$136.50	0	
MEETINGS	$300.00	$800.00	-500	
CAPITAL	$328.13	$2000.00	-1671.87	

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
BANKING FEES	$22.00	$50.00	-28	
SUNDAY SCH	$280.33	$400.00	-119.67	
TOT DISB	107089.76	$112437.50	-5347.74	
REC/DISB	-93.93	-$15877.50	$10391.45	
Jan 1 bank bal	$26926.39			
Receipts	$106995.83		T/D $80,000	
Expenditured	$107089.76			
	26832.46			
a/c pay	$604.90	James Dec mileage		
Dec 31 Bank Acct	27437.36			

MPC 2024 Financial Projection

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2023	PROJECTED 2024	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
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OTHER	$10225.00	$225.00	10000	Min gift/SUC
TOTAL RE-CEIPTS	106995.83	96550.32	10445.51	
DISBURSE-MENT				
PAYROLL JAMES	$88444.72	$98209.56	-9764.84	
PAYROLL OTHER	$232.00	741	-509	247x3
UCC ASSESS	$3838.00	$4588.00	-750	
M&S/WD	$7345.51	$6900.00	445.51	
SERVICE SUP-PLY	$0.00	$300.00	-300	i.e. Palms, etc
MILE EXP JAMES	$5019.30	$5020.00	-0.7	
TRAVEL OTHER	$35.20	$300.00	-264.8	Travelling Min. and meetings
MISC	$300.00	$500.00	-200	Min Appr, etc
OFFICE SUP-PLY	$808.07	$550.00	258.07	
WEB DOMAIN	$136.50	$136.50	0	
MEETINGS	$300.00	$500.00	-200	PtoP, etc
CAPITAL	$328.13	$500.00	-171.87	

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2023	PROJECTED 2024	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
BANKING FEES	$22.00	$30.00	-8	
SUNDAY SCH	$280.33	$300.00	-19.67	
TOT DISB	107089.76	118575.06	-11485.3	
REC/DISB	-93.93	-22024.74	$10391.45	
Jan 1 Bank Bal	$26926.39	$26832.46		T/D $80,000
Receipts	$106995.83	96550.32	Add $5000 fr T/D	-5000
Expenditured	$107089.76	118575.06		
Dec 31 Bank Bal	26832.46	4807.72	$9807.72	$75000.00

MPC 5 year projection starting 2024

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RECEIPTS	2022 actual	2023 actual	Projected 2024	Projected 2025	Pr
Interest	$1,235.00	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	$1,000.00	
Avonlea MPC	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	
Sanford MPC	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	
Starbuck MPC	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	$29,400.00	
Avonlea MS/WD	$3,383.00	$3,239.70	$2,900.00	$2,900.00	
Starbuck MS/WD	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	
Sanford MS/WD	$1,995.66	$2,105.81	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	
S/H dividend	$16.57	$25.32	$25.32	$25.32	
Other	$225.00	$10,225.00	$225.00	$225.00	
Total receipts	$97055.23	$106995.83	$96550.32	$96350.32	
DISBURSEMENTS					
Payroll James	$84,256.32	$88,444.72	98209.56	101155.85	
Payroll Other		$232.00	$741.00	$763.23	
UCC Assessment	$4,156.00	$3,838.00	$4,588.00	$4,588.00	
World Development	$1,863.00	$1,664.70	$1,700.00	$1,700.00	
Mission and Service	$5,515.66	$5,680.81	$5,200.00	$5,200.00	
Service Supply Expenses	$100.80	$0.00	$300.00	$300.00	
Mileage-James	$3,871.38	$5,019.30	$5,020.00	$5,020.00	
Travel-Other	$0.00	$35.20	$300.00	$300.00	
Misc	$661.91	$300.00	$500.00	$500.00	
Office Supplies	$191.50	$808.07	$550.00	$550.00	
Website Domain	$231.00	$136.50	$136.50	$136.50	
Meetings and workshops	$0.00	$300.00	$500.00	$500.00	
Capital Expenses	$329.49	$328.13	$500.00	$500.00	
Banking Fees	$15.00	$22.00	$30.00	$30.00	
Sunday School/Children	$195.83	$280.33	$300.00	$300.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$101,387.89	$107,089.76	$118,575.06	$121,543.58	

Receipts over Disbursements	-$4,332.66	-$93.93	-$22,024.74	-$25,193.26
January 1, 2022 checking account balance	$16,259.05	$26,926.39	$26,832.46	$9,807.72
Add deposits	$97,055.23	$106,995.83	$96,550	$96,350
Less Disbursements	$101,387.89	$107,089.76	$118,575	$121,544
Transfer for Term Deposit	$15,000.00		$5,000	$25,000
Bank Balance at Dec 31,2022	$26,926.39	$26,832.46	$9,808	$9,614
Balance in the Manse term deposit at year end	$80000.00	$80000.00	$75000.00	$50000.00

Meridian Pastoral Charge notes to the Financial Report ending December 31, 2023

Revenues
Were up by the donation of $10,000.00 from the Starbuck United Church.
The Mission and Service, and, World Development was $445.51 in excess of the projections.

Expenses
James payroll was lower by $968.28. This is due to the fact that I had to calculate his salary, the employer's portion of remittances, pension, etc., and the fact that there was a change to the salary starting July 1st. I miscalculated.
In the "PAYROLL OTHER", Sanford United Church had Peter Mitchell minister the Christmas Eve service.
TRAVEL OTHER, to reimburse Peter Mitchell for his travel for Christmas Eve.
BULLETINS -There were three $100 payments to the Interchurch Council for dues, dues and reimbursement for the concert loss.

OFFICE SUPPLIES - Reimbursement to James for ink $111, to Jamie for zoom account $224, James micro soft subscription $122, James appreciation $350

MEETINGS - $300 Prairie to Pine meeting for 2 people

CAPITAL - Webcam for Sunday services

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday school curriculum.