



Thornhill United Church

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*Our faith in God's love moves us to celebrate spirituality,
to care with compassion, and to welcome all warmly*

Update from Council

May 2026

Council met on Tuesday May 5th; here are some highlights from that meeting:

1. In April, members of our Security Task Force, along with staff and members of the TUC Council, met with a constable from York Regional Police (YRP) in April to discuss specific security topics, such as the Trespass Property Act, dealing with irate individuals, graffiti, and general building security. Those who attended felt that the session was informative, and the security task force will be looking into some of the suggestions from YRP.
2. Pan Mathews introduced us to the Picture Exchange Communication System, also known as PECS. It is a system of icons that we hope to use to identify when to do what within our worship service. Pan feels it could help newcomers, visitors, and folks whose first language is not English. The plan is to place icons in the top left corner of our worship slides; these icons will include information such as airplane mode, listen, read, sing, and clap. We are hoping that the implementation of this can start in June.
3. Each year those in specific roles within our church community – Council, Trustees, Ministers, Lay Staff, Ministry & Personnel Committee, Friendship Club Volunteers, Pastoral Care Team, Sunday School Teachers, Technology Team, Greeters, Welcome & Affirming Working Group – need to review relevant church policies. If there are policies you need to review, you can expect to be contacted by someone on Council. We'd like to have the policy review and attestation process completed by the end of May, and we thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this. Completed attestation forms should be placed in Tanya Melbourne's mail box.

Please reach out to anyone on Council if you have questions about any of the above items, or anything else related to the day-to-day running of our church.

Cathy Farrant
Secretary of Council