

Sedgewick-Lougheed Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting

Sedgewick United Church - 7:30 pm

Following the St. Andrew's Congregational & Sedgewick Congregational meetings
Thursday, March 13, 2025

Present

Pastoral Charge Supervisor Rev. Deanna Cox, Mell Hampshire, James Hampshire, Janice Bishop, Jayne Odegard Dempsey, Melvin Luntz, Ron Roggensack, Kari Sanders, Esther Whitehead, Megan Hampshire Strachan, Marilyn Patten, Gwenda Poyser, Dan & Gert Lewis, Leola Forster, Pat MacKinnon. Online attendees; Deb Leslie, Sherry Mayne, Helen Tanton. A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

J. Odegard Dempsey, co-chairperson, opened this pastoral charge annual meeting at 7:24 pm.

Agenda Approval & Minutes from Past Meeting

As it was a last-minute decision to hold the pastoral charge annual meeting on this night, (in order to reduce time commitments in busy lives, including that of our pastoral charge supervisor, Rev. Deanna) no agenda or past minutes were available for approval. It was agreed by consensus to review and approve the annual reports, the financial statements and proposed budget and accept the nominations for the unified board.

Annual Report 2024

The 2024 pastoral charge year end reports were reviewed. The meetings, services and community activities were enhanced by photographs, celebrating faith and fellowship. Thank you to church office administrator Mell Hampshire for the time and imagination in creating this record of 2024.

MOTION: Marilyn Patten/G. Lewis that the reports for Sedgewick-Lougheed Pastoral Charge be accepted.

CARRIED

The 2024 financial statement and the proposed budget for 2025 were reviewed.

MOTION: E. Whitehead/J. Bishop that the 2024 year-end financial statement and the proposed 2025 budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Nominations to Pastoral Charge Unified (Joint) Church Board

Nominations to the pastoral charge unified (joint) church board were put forward from the individual congregational meetings, as follows:

Chair(s)	Kari Sanders (Sedgewick) & Jayne Odegard Dempsey (St. Andrews)
Northern Spirit Region	Gwenda Poyser
Hardisty Lake United Church Camp	Melvin Luntz

MOTION: K. Sanders/L. Forster that these nominations be accepted.

CARRIED

G. Poyser volunteered to be recording secretary for the annual charge meetings and for the unified board meetings.

Thank you to all the volunteers from St. Andrew's and from Sedgewick who have agreed to serve on the Unified (Joint) Board.

Sunday School

For many different reasons, it has been difficult to gather children for a viable Sunday School program. It was agreed, by consensus, that a hiatus for this program would be observed until such time as more interest is shown. Many thanks to Megan H Strachan for her faithful dedication over the past several years.

As our governance structure is new, the following motions were put forward to provide clarification and continuity for our pastoral church board.

MOTION: J. Bishop/M. Hampshire that the names put forward for our individual boards, and for the unified boards be reviewed annually. **CARRIED**

MOTION: J. Hampshire/R. Roggensack that the unified joint board meet two times annually, Spring and Fall, and if necessary, at the call of the chair. **CARRIED**

Next Meetings

Pastoral Charge Congregational meeting, March 2026

Following a closing benediction by Reverend Deanna Cox.
Chair Jayne Odegard Dempsey declared the meeting adjourned (8:30 pm).

Gwenda Poyser, Secretary

Chairperson of meeting where minutes were approved