

Sedgewick-Lougheed Pastoral Charge
Joint Unified Board Meeting
Sedgewick United Church, Thursday, November 20, 2025

Present:

Reverend Deanna Cox, Pastoral Charge Supervisor (via Zoom), Leola Forster, Jim Hampshire, Mell Hampshire, Deb Leslie, Megan Hampshire Strachan, Jayne Odegard Dempsey, Esther Whitehead, Michael & Marilyn Patten, Gwenda Poyser.
A quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Jayne O Dempsey, co- chairperson, called the meeting to order (7:05 pm) and invited Rev. Deanna to open with prayer.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: J. Hampshire/M. H-Strachan to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: G. Poyser/D. Leslie that the Unified Board minutes from December 16, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Future of Ministry will be discussed under "Business".

TREASURER'S REPORT

E. Whitehead presented her financial report which is attached to and forms part of these minutes. It was noted that a refurbished computer has been purchased for the church office.

MOTION: E. Whitehead/M. Hampshire that the financial report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

OTHER REPORTS

No report tabled from the Ministry & Personal, Northern Spirit or Sunday School.

Worship Committee met in September and November 2025

- M. Hampshire and G. Poyser attended a meeting in Forestburg with several congregations from Chinook Winds to discuss pulpit supply challenges.
- M. Hampshire suggests the Telus land line in the church office be removed. Used little. Contact points would be M. Hampshire's cell phone, church email and website.

MOTION: L. Forster/J. Hampshire that the Telus land line be cancelled.

CARRIED

It is hoped that Telus will propose a reduced monthly rate as an alternative to cancellation which would be a workable solution.

MOTION: G. Poyser/M. Patten that the following recommendation from the worship committee be approved:

- Pulpit Supply – we will continue to offer J. O Dempsey two Sundays per month, will invite Rev Dr Lloyd Nyarota, Rev. MaryAnn Pastuk, Dale Jones and Carson Ryner for Sunday lay leadership.
- No services December 28th 2025 and as per custom, no services in August 2026.

CARRIED

MOTION: M. Hampshire/L. Forster that we purchase and deliver a peace candle and share the history of how it came to our congregations, as per Rev. Dr. Nyarota's request for the Wetaskiwin United Church (his new congregation).

CARRIED

Hardisty Lake United Church Camp representative Sandra Erickson reported that 2025 season was a success, welcoming seventy-four (74) campers to the three weeks of camps. Camps operated with registrations a bit more than half full, and ended with a deficit of \$7,900. Dates have been set for 2026 with registrations opening January 1, 2026.

MOTION: M. Patten/M. H-Strachan that the reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Future of Ministry for Sedgewick-Lougheed Charge – the consensus of the group was that the current scheduling of pulpit supply for Sunday services is satisfactory and the variety of messages is enjoyed. There have been no changes over the past year as to the challenge of securing a permanent part-time minister.

MOTION: L. Forster/M. Patten that we continue to schedule pulpit supply with available ministers and lay leaders willing to share their messages and revisit this decision in one year's time. **CARRIED**

Nominating Committee

Kari Sanders and Jayne O Dempsey will contact board members and present a slate of nominees at the next meeting.

Rev. Deanna Cox has accepted a new job in Camrose and has relocated with her family to the Tofield area. We wish her all good things in this new venture and thank her for the continued support as our Region appointed supervising minister.

NEXT MEETINGS To be Announced. (Annual congregational meetings & the annual unified board meeting)

J O Dempsey declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

A benediction was offered by Rev. Deanna.

Gwenda Poyser, Secretary

Chairperson of meeting where minutes were approved

	Sedgewick Pastoral Charge as of October 31, 2025			
INCOME				
Lougheed Share	\$	2,653.00		
Sedgewick Share	\$	7,000.00		
Interest	\$	458.01		
Total	\$	10,111.01		
Expenses				
Mileage	\$	161.70		
Pulpit Supply	\$	4,826.00		
Advertising				
Annual Regional Assessment				
Treasurer Honorarium	\$	675.00		
Books & Church Supplies				
Office Supplies				
Internet	\$	1,149.50		
Phone	\$	100.60		
Office Administration	\$	5,625.00		
Office Administration Benefits	\$	221.55		
Donations				
Computer Maintenance				
Bank Charges				
GST Unrecoverable				
Northern Spirit Council				
Total	\$	12,759.35		

	Sedgewick Pastoral Charge as of October 31, 2025			
Chequing Account	\$	56,643.26		
Term Deposit (Office Equipment)	\$	5,819.58		
Term Deposit	\$	5,474.74		
Savings (Office Equipment)	\$	5,100.00		
Common Shares	\$	1,030.56		
Total	\$	74,068.14		