

Sedgewick-Lougheed Pastoral Charge Annual Congregational Meeting

Sedgewick United Church 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Present

Pastoral Charge Supervisor Rev. Deanna Cox (via Zoom) Mell Hampshire, James Hampshire, Jayne Odegard Dempsey, Kari Sanders, Esther Whitehead, Megan Hampshire Strachan, Marilyn Patten, Gwenda Poyser, Gert Lewis, Leola Forster, Gwen Simpson (via Zoom), Susan Mackinnon. A quorum was present.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Rev. Deanna opened this pastoral charge annual meeting at 6:30 pm. with prayer.

Rev. Deanna called for volunteer/nominations for Chair for this meeting.

MOTION: E. Whitehead/G. Lewis moved that the agenda as presented be approved. **CARRIED**

MOTION: E. Whitehead/M. Hampshire nominated Jayne Dempsey as chair of this annual congregation meeting of the Unified Board. **CARRIED**

Following three calls for further nominations, and there being none, Jayne D. accepted the nomination and assumed the chair.

MOTION: M. Hampshire/K. Sanders that Gwenda Poyser be secretary for this annual unified board meeting. **CARRIED**

Minutes from Annual Unified Board March 13, 2025 were reviewed.

MOTION: S. Mackinnon/M. Patten moved acceptance of the March 13, 2025 minutes. **CARRIED**

MOTION: K. Sanders/M. Hampshire moved acceptance of the November 29, 2025 minutes. **CARRIED**

Nominations for 2026 Unified Board for Lougheed-Sedgewick Pastoral Charge

A slate of officers consisting of those nominated at the annual congregational meetings of St. Andrew's and Sedgewick, and those who agreed to remain on the unified board for another year was presented and is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: G. Poyser/J. Dempsey moved that Kari Sanders be appointed as a representative to the worship committee in addition to the names presented. **CARRIED**

There were no further nominations in addition to the names presented for Northern Spirit Region and Hardisty Lake United Church Camp.

MOTION: M. Strachan/E. Whitehead moved that the slate of officers, as presented, with the addition of Kari Sanders, be approved as the official unified board for 2026. **CARRIED**

Annual Report 2025

The 2025 pastoral charge year end reports were reviewed. The reports of meetings, services and community activities shows a church membership actively engaged in our communities. Thank you to church office administrator Mell Hampshire for the comprehensive review of 2025. This annual report is much appreciated and it is an important reminder as to why we strive to continue with our ministry here.

MOTION: K. Sanders/J. Hampshire that the 2025 reports for Sedgewick-Lougheed Pastoral Charge be accepted. **CARRIED**

The 2025 financial statement and the proposed budget for 2026 were reviewed. These statements have been reviewed at each individual congregational meeting.

MOTION: E. Whitehead/M. Strachan that the 2024 year-end financial statement and the proposed 2025 budget be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

MOTION: S. Mackinnon/J. Hampshire that the egg decorating events provided by J. Dempsey be considered outreach for our church, and that \$100 be contributed to help with expenses. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS

- Daysland United Church provided sixty Voices United and thirty More Voices hymn books to our churches. These copies were needed, and we truly appreciate them! M. Hampshire did send a thank you to them when we received these books last Fall. We agreed that a donation to Mission & Service Fund in the name of Daysland United Church would be a fitting thank you.

MOTION: M. Strachan/J. Hampshire that \$200 be donated to Daysland United Church / United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund. **CARRIED**

- YouTube Worship Services posted – Sedgewick and St. Andrew’s congregations agreed that special services should be posted. We will continue to record and post weekly, for a time, as a request was received that it would be appreciated due to time away from services due to surgery.
- Worship Committee met and discussed the possibility of interest in confirmation classes for some of our youth. Jayne D. has volunteered to offer these classes, and to find a suitable curriculum to use.

MOTION: G. Poyser/S. Mackinnon that authorization be given to purchase a confirmation program. **CARRIED**

- M. Strachan will help with contacting parents/youth and when arrangements can be made with Jayne and with students, dates will be advertised.
- A Tenebrae Service will be held Thursday, April 2, 2026 – led by Jayne D. & Willow Odegard.
- Continuation of weekly worship in Loughheed-Sedgewick Pastoral Charge

MOTION: S. Mackinnon/K. Sanders that weekly services (schedule approved by Unified Board) continue as in the past two years with no change for 2026. **CARRIED**

Next Meetings

Pastoral Charge Congregational meeting, March 2027

Following a closing benediction by Reverend Deanna Cox, Chair J Dempsey declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Unified Board 2026

Chairperson	Jayne Odegard Dempsey
Co-Chair	Kari Sanders
Unified Board Treasurer	Esther Whitehead
Mission & Service Treasurer	Sherry Mayne
Unified Board Secretary	Gwenda Poyser
Ministry & Personnel (<i>one per congregation</i>)	Leola Forster or Megan Hampshire Lisa Burgess or Marilyn Patten
Worship Committee (<i>1-2 Sedgewick, 1 St. Andrew's</i>)	Gwennie Simpson or Susan MacKinnon or Debbie Leslie or Kari Sanders Gwenda Poyser or Jayne Odegard Dempsey
Property & Finance (<i>1-2 Sedgewick, 1 St. Andrew's</i>)	James Hampshire, Jeff Eckstrand Committee of the Whole (St. Andrew's congregation)
Trustee (<i>one per congregation</i>)	Roger Ferrier or Gert Lewis or Jeff Eckstrand Ron Roggensack or Michael Patten or Teresa Odegard
Northern Spirit Region	Gwenda Poyser
Sunday School	Megan Hampshire Strachan
Hardisty Lake United Church Camp	Melvin Luntz
Pastoral Charge Supervisor	Reverend Deanna Cox