

**Sedgewick United Church Annual Congregational Meeting**  
March 1, 2026 following the Sunday Service at Sedgewick United Church, Sedgewick

**PRESENT**

Esther Whitehead, Leola Forster, Mell Hampshire, Pat MacKinnon, Kari Sanders, Sharon Wylie, Debbie Leslie, Helen Tanton, Doreen Eldey, Jake Eldey and Carole Bergum. A quorum was in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, K. Sanders called this regular annual congregational meeting to order at 11:15 am.  
P. MacKinnon led us in prayer.

**MOTION:** E. Whitehead/M. Hampshire to extend voting privileges to adherent attendees.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** S. Wylie/K. Sanders moved acceptance of the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** K. Sanders/C. Bergum MacKinnon to accept the previous minutes of March 13, 2025 as read.

**CARRIED**

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

**MOTION:** D. Leslie/H. Tanton to approve Sedgewick United reports as printed.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** E. Whitehead/L. Forster to approve Sedgewick’s financial report and 2026 budget as printed.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** E. Whitehead/K. Sanders that the 2025 Pastoral Charge financial report and 2026 budget be accepted pending approval of the Unified Board.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS**

The congregation members present declared themselves satisfied with the current pulpit supply. When bringing in other speakers they asked that Jayne Odegard Dempsey be consulted and retain her at least twice a month for lay leadership.

Posting videos of every Sunday service on YouTube; the videos are not watched very often now that people can safely attend church after the pandemic. Suggest we only record special services such as musical offerings (*which are well viewed*), Reverend Lloyd, or as requested.

Fundraising: K. Sanders suggested another gift-card raffle in May instead of the difficult work of a Spring supper. Also, we will send out a Sedgewick appeal letter this year, but in the Springtime rather than just prior to Christmas.

Our property and finance committee reported we need to replace a crumbling section of the concrete walkway leading into the church. Also, that we use building fund money to upgrade the interior of the church with new windows and expanding the sanctuary into the ‘library’ space on the south east corner. This would provide a refreshment room now that we have coffee and fellowship upstairs each week. They will look obtain a quote.

**MOTION:** E. Whitehead/K. Sanders that the following donations be made in 2026:

Hardisty Lake United Church Camp	\$ 1,000
Camrose Women’s Shelter	\$ 200
Flagstaff Sharing	\$ 500
World Development & Relief	\$ 200
Bissell Centre	\$ 300

**CARRIED**

**BOARD NOMINATIONS**

The slate of officers from 2025 was presented unchanged; there were no further nominations.

**MOTION:** K. Sanders/L. Forster that the following nominations be accepted.

- \*Trustees: Roger Ferrier  
Gert Lewis  
Jeff Eckstrand
- \*Ministry and Personnel: Leola Forster  
Megan Strachan
- \* \*\*Property and Finance: Esther Whitehead, Treasurer  
James Hampshire  
Jeff Eckstrand
- \*Worship: Gwennie Simpson  
Susan MacKinnon  
Debbie Leslie  
Kari Sanders

**CARRIED**

*\*One to two representatives from these committees will be delegated to attend board meetings.*

*\*\*Note: Property & Finance matters are dealt with at the annual congregational meeting. If another meeting is necessary, it will be at the call of the Chairperson.*

**MOTION:** J. Hampshire/K. Sanders to accept the following nominations to be taken to the Unified Board meeting.

- Chairperson: Kari Sanders
- Hardisty Lake Church Camp: Melvin Lundy
- Northern Spirit Region: *no nominations*

**CARRIED**

The Board and Committees would like to express their sincere thanks for the hard work and dedication of those renewing or accepting Board positions.

**NEXT MEETINGS**

Pastoral Charge Unified Meeting as soon as possible in March 2026 pending availability of our Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

Next Sedgewick Annual Congregational Meeting – February, 2027

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. K. Sanders closed with prayer.