

## LEADERSHIP TEAM NEWS IN BRIEF

**Meeting:** June 4, 2025

**WE DECIDED:**

- That Spirit of Hope United Church support the request from Grace United Church with \$250 for the Centennial Watch Party to be held at Fort Edmonton on June 8, 2025.

**WE DISCUSSED:**

- Reports circulated by Rev Blaine and Eli – we expressed our appreciation for Eli's time with us.
- Focus on Worship FIAT related issues and activities by Roslyn: planning for summer services while Rev Blaine is away; successful 9th Street Players' *All 4 Fun* production May 30 to June 1, with more than 120 attending; communion serving by members of all ages.
- Excellent report from Phyllis Verhaar who attended the Northern Spirit Region's annual meeting held in Edmonton at Riverbend United Church from May 29 to June 1. Rev Blaine also attended.
- Continuing to connect with community agencies and organizations looking to work with Spirit of Hope to hold activities and events that benefit members of our local community.
- Phyllis and Jim will represent Spirit of Hope at the June 14 meeting hosted by Northern Spirit Region to discuss the present and future status of pastoral charges in Edmonton and surrounding area; Katharine Moore from our congregation is one of the organizers.
- Updated list of trustees to be filed with Land Titles.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO:**

- Welcoming four people by transfer of membership (June 8).
- A busy time during June – within our community of faith as well as in Edmonton and Northern Spirit Region: four Monday Youth Empowered Together (YET) Pride Month events, two faith formation sessions with Rev Blaine on June 7 and 21, The United Church of

Canada's 100th year commemorations around Edmonton and at Spirit of Hope (June 8) with archives display by Bob Griffith, family Rainbow Fun Fest (June 14), Affirmiversary service with guest minister Rev Dale Johnson (June 15) – four years since voting to become Affirming, Ladies' potluck lunch (June 17).

- Seniors workshop by Sage Seniors Association (June 18).
- Savouring summertime in Edmonton in many ways – taking a break from our regular meetings and practices (choir and handbells), watching our garden grow!
- Outdoor worship services in July, making up lunches for the Inner-City Pastoral Ministry service on Sun, Aug 3.
- Planning for the fall, including community BBQ and showcase, Jazz and Reflection concerts and Breakfast Learning Together (BLT!).
- Continuing to welcome new people into Spirit of Hope, with warmth, openness, and hospitality.
- Guided and inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus and other sources of great wisdom, continuing to journey; learning, changing, and growing together.

**Next meeting:** Wed, July 2, 2025

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS**

- Chair: Jim Lewis
- Past Chair: Carol Loewen
- Secretary: Phyllis Verhaar
- Treasurer: Kevin Gue
- Ministry and Personnel: Eva Cooper
- Trustees: Sandra Hawes
- Property, Finance and Stewardship: Cathy Martin
- Worship Faith in Action Team (FIAT): Roslyn Thomson and Vici Wynn
- Learning and Growth FIAT: Heather Green and Chris Meintzer
- Just and Caring Community FIAT: Judy Meintzer and Sara van Halderen
- Communications: Susan Bramm
- Minister: Reverend Blaine Gregg