

	<u>We Gather before God</u>	
	Worship	Host: Varsity Acres, Calgary, AB
	Call to order and Constitution Land Acknowledgement	Moderator: Heather Bryant (pro-tem)
	Roll & Regrets Consent Agenda	Clerk: C. Persaud
	Adoption of minutes Regular meeting:	May 12, 2026
	Correspondence	
	Approval of Docket	
	Prayers for the work of the congregations within the Presbytery – Moderator/appointee	
	Interim Moderators’ Reports Centennial – Chandra Mannix Knox, Calgary – Chris Joiner	
	Committee Concerns Clergy Care and Resource Committee – Chris Joiner & Daniel Surya Congregational Care and Resource Committee – Jake Van Pernis Mission Care and Resource Committee – Mary Jardine & Deirdre Harris Reports on Partnerships: Chair of Christian Thought Advisory Council: <i>Mary Rozsa de Coquet</i> Calgary Interfaith Council: <i>Vacant</i> Indigenous Gathering Place: <i>Cathy Gale</i> Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Lethbridge: <i>Karen Robbins</i> Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Medicine Hat: <i>Joyce Engel</i> Presbytery Care and Resource Committee – Sandra Cameron Evans	
	Request for a consultation – Maren McLean Persaud, Christian Persaud or Tom Paasuke The request is for the purpose of seeking information, clarification, or general advice on how to proceed with a matter that concerns the presbyter.	

	Clerk’s report – Christian Persaud
	General Presbyter’s report – Terry Fach
	Other Business Voluntary Withdrawal Committee Amalgamation of Knox and St. Giles
	Enthusiasms and Concerns Moderator
	Prayers for the world and our role in it Moderator/Appointee
	Time and place of next meeting Moderator The next regular business meeting of the Presbytery will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026 in person at St. Paul’s, Banff. There will be a light lunch at noon, Induction of the Moderator at 1 pm, and the meeting will start at 2 pm. Reports due September 3, 2026 by noon. Adjournment Benediction

We Gather before God

Worship

Host: Varsity Acres, Calgary

Moderator pro-tem

MOTION: Moved by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by C. Persaud, that Heather Bryant be named moderator pro-tem for the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes – Clerk

Regular meeting: May 12, 2026

Correspondence – Clerk

Recommendation: that the correspondence be dealt with as indicated below.

Receive for Information

26-061	M. Scott, Call to Synod Alberta and the Northwest for Applicants for Principal of Presbyterian College, distributed
26-062	K. Muir, April changes to the roll, distributed
26-063	M. Jardine, Planning with Purpose for End of Life, distributed
26-065	L. Kilbreath, Invitation to be in conversation with Walk As We Leadership, distributed
26-067	H. Currie, Asking for money for Camp Kannawin, distributed
26-069	C. Gale, The Gathering at Moh'kinsstis is coming to life on June 21, distributed
26-070	C. Gale, Poster for IGP activities on NIP, distributed
26-071	Donations PCC, PCC Gifts by Presbytery, distributed
26-072	M. Rozsa de Coquet, To send immediately, distributed
26-073	H. Carlson, Rescheduled Treasurer's Gathering June 13, distributed
26-074	C. Persaud, Representative Elder and Alternate for 2026-27,

	distributed
26-075	L. McKay, Save the Date for Iona Speaker coming to Calgary in October, distributed
26-076	M. Rozsa de Coquet, To be sent to presbyters asap– please, distributed

Refer to the Clerk

26-066	T. Charlton, Letter of Standing - Wendy Adams
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Interim Moderator’s Report for Centennial Church – Chandra Mannix

A. Conversations at session and in the search committee have yielded concerns for the fair process of the call in light of the unique circumstances at Centennial. Points of consideration include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. There is a need for 2 ministers (one full-time and one either part-time or full-time), but Centennial can only afford one minister.
 - The total number of all people at Centennial, adults and children and all languages, is now over 350.
 - The composition of the congregation has changed significantly since the last call. The number of Anyuak members and adherents has grown significantly over the past number of years, and though the number of English-speaking congregants is still slightly larger (roughly 3/5 of the congregation), it is anticipated that the Anyuak community will become the larger group in the next few years.
 - If only one minister is called, they will need to be fluent in both English and Anyuak. And fluent Anyuak-speaking and English-speaking ministers ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Canada are scarce.
 - Section 5.6 of ‘Calling a Minister’ reads: “Ministers from a distance may be brought to a neighbouring congregation to be heard by the search committee. The searching congregation should pay travel expenses and other costs, including hospitality, preferably in a hotel, and pay an honorarium as agreed upon by the Session (subject to the minimum set by General Assembly).” There is uncertainty if this includes travel expenses for interviews and preaching for a call for ministers from another continent, and there is clarity that travel costs from anywhere outside of Canada would be unwelcome at Centennial.

2. There is a need to honour the Anyuak covenant with Centennial
 - The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod asked the Anyuak community, when they first started worship at Centennial (2007), to ‘make a home’ at

Centennial. Direct conversation with the Anyuak people revealed that they were unable to afford to create their own congregation or pay for their own minister such as in the Hungarian or Korean church.

- Anyuak-speaking members and elders have been on the board and the session since 2016. (see below)
- The latest review of the covenant was done in May 2025.
- The current covenant is unclear about the necessity of Centennial providing ministry in English or in Anyuak. Historically it was assumed to be in English simply out of necessity, as there was no perceived option to provide otherwise.

3. The current lay leader of the Anyuak-speaking people at Centennial is now a certified candidate for ordination

- Okelo Aballa is eligible to answer a call in the PCC, and is currently in discernment regarding where God is calling him to minister. He is under the care of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod
- He is an active elder on session
- He is the lay leader at Centennial, and as such preaches, teaches, organizes worship and fellowship, and provides significant pastoral care in Anyuak.
- He has actively ministered in a formal Student Ministry capacity to the English-speaking people of the congregation in 2025 and 2026, including preaching and teaching in English (see position description below)
- There is concern at Centennial that the Anyuak-speaking people at Centennial will follow the current lay leader of 19 years if he remains living in Calgary and is called to a different church in the PCC.
- The 2-3 other lay leaders in the Anyuak-speaking congregation, while helpful and faithful, are unable to replace the current lay leader for ministry while the call process unfolds at Centennial in a way that effectively honours ministry needs and the honouring of the covenant.

4. The African cultural considerations are not reflected in the PCC call process

- The Anyuak people of Centennial do not simply 'come to church' during the week to worship, pray, and serve, but like the early church community, they devote themselves to fellowship, prayer, often hold possessions for each other or in common, share with anyone who is in need, meet often and regularly throughout the week to share their meals, and spend significant time together as an Anyuak community in Canada. Pastoral care needs are high, and leaders in the community have significant demands and expectations placed upon them 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- The Presbytery has suggested that to satisfy right process in a call, intended to provide for 'fairness between candidates' and for discernment by the church and candidate, that Okelo Aballa separate himself from the church and his community should he choose to answer a call when one is made by Centennial

- Separation of the lay leader from his community is not possible in the context of this culture unless he moves cities. He is a visible and primary community leader in the Anyuak-speaking population in Calgary outside of church times, hours, duties, and responsibilities.
- The Book of Forms does not account for or address cultural and social realities in African culture that impact a call process that are significantly different from the Scottish and North American cultural norms and behaviours often assumed and presumed for prescribed procedures in the PCC.

B. While the discernment for the call at Centennial is underway, there is a need for ministry at Centennial until a minister is called and present in the community that addresses language and cultural needs.

- The current lay leader has just successfully completed a student ministry contract, and the session would like to extend that contract
- The Anyuak people of Centennial have a need for a minister who can preach, teach, lead and provide pastoral care in the Anyuak language at Centennial.
- The English-speaking people have the same needs to be delivered in the English language at Centennial.
- Both the Anyuak-speaking and the English-speaking populations in Centennial deserve fair consideration for their ministerial needs as one community in Christ at Centennial.

C. As a result of these challenges listed in (A) & (B), the session of Centennial requests the following motions be adopted at Presbytery, moved by the Interim Moderator, Rev. Chandra Mannix, and the Centennial Representative to Presbytery, Omot Ochudo.

1. **MOTION:** That the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod will, through representatives from both the committees of Clergy Care and Congregational Care, gather with the session of Centennial and the Centennial Search Committee throughout the summer of 2026 to create a recommendation to Presbytery addressing the above-mentioned ministerial, ethical, procedural and cultural dilemmas currently of concern affecting the call process.

2. **MOTION:** A joint recommendation to Presbytery from Clergy Care, Congregational Care, and the Session of Centennial for the aforementioned dilemmas will be presented at the September 2026 Presbytery meeting for consideration. The recommendation(s) will include a clear path forward for Centennial for the call process that reflects the needs and best interests of both the congregation of Centennial and the certified candidate for ordination (Okelo Aballa.)

D. As a result of the delay required to seek clarity before issuing a call at Centennial, and to address the need for ongoing ministry at Centennial, the session has requested that the Student Ministry contract with Okelo Aballa be extended until August 31, 2026, including the financial support currently offered from Presbytery for continuation at the current rate of pay. The session is exceedingly pleased with Okelo Aballa's service, and

has expressed that his ongoing ministry in this season is vital for the health of the congregation. The session of Centennial requests the following motions be adopted at Presbytery, moved by the Interim Moderator, Rev. Chandra Mannix, and the Centennial Representative of Presbytery, Omot Ochudo

1. **MOTION:** That Centennial Presbyterian Church be allowed to extend the current student ministry contract with Okello Aballa until August 31, 2026

2. **MOTION:** That the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod continue to provide \$3000 per month in support and partial payment of the student ministry contract at Centennial.

May 27, 2025- Covenant between Centennial and the Anyuak Ministry (original formal covenant established 2016)

- Centennial will provide our Anyuak members space and time to be able to hold a worship service in their language once per week.
- The Minister of Centennial will preach at the Anyuak afternoon service once per month and provide Communion once every three months. The Minister will also provide Baptisms and funerals plus other needed pastoral care as requested by the Anyuak members.
- Centennial will provide a budget for the Anyuak Ministry and will provide means for them to be able to access the funds. The Anyuak Ministry will commit to supporting the life and work of Centennial with their time, talent and offerings.
- Centennial and the Anyuak ministry will have joint services on the Annual General meeting Sunday and on either the Promotion or Rally Sunday services. The Anyuak will continue to attend the annual Carol Festival and will attend the Good Friday services as available.
- Centennial will continue with the refugee sponsorship program as one of its mission objectives subject to financial constraints and volunteer participation. (The Anyuak Ministry is willing to take on more responsibility for the sponsorship project and a separate fund may need to be set up to hold designated donations.)
- Centennial and the Anyuak Ministry will jointly work on providing Christian education and a youth program.
- The Anyuak Ministry will endeavor to have two members on the Centennial Board of Managers and also endeavor to have at least two elders serving on the Session of Centennial.

Position Description for Student Minister in the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod

For the Anyuak-Speaking Community:

- Lead worship and preach every Sunday
- Provide pastoral care to the Anyuak Community of Faith
- Lead a weekly Bible study and a weekly prayer meeting
- Recruit, train and support children and youth ministry for the Anyuak Community of Faith

For the English-Speaking Community:

- Lead new members class at Centennial Presbyterian Church

- English preaching once per month in the morning service.
- Facilitate the welcome and support with any visiting ministers or musicians.
- Develop an approach including equipping leaders for effective support and settlement of people new to Canada in the neighbourhoods around Centennial
- Assist Interim Moderator at Centennial with pulpit supply, pastoral care and other work as determined.
- Meet regularly with a minister appointed by presbytery to develop a ministry plan.
- Meet weekly for one hour with the Interim Moderator at Centennial to discuss pastoral care needs, worship at Centennial, scheduling and communication, and such matters to facilitate ministry and provide learning opportunities for Okelo.
- Implement a plan for the effective support and settlement of people new to Canada in the neighbourhoods around Centennial, accessing presbytery networks and resources as possible.
- Facilitate two joint services with the Anyuak Community and English-speaking congregation through the worship committee.

*Respectfully submitted,
Chandra Mannix*

Interim Moderator's Report for Knox Church Calgary – Chris Joiner

The following are the Terms of Reference for the Interim Moderator with appropriate updates.

Interim leadership to guide the Session and congregation in moving expediently into an amalgamation with another congregation of the presbytery, ensuring appropriate stewardship of the congregation and assets.

1. Active guidance and facilitation/coordination and convening of the Transition Team (managing the operational and administrative needs of Knox budget, rentals, etc.), the Conversation Team (discussions with potential congregations for amalgamation, the Session, and the Congregation.

a. Transition Team – No meetings since last report.

b. Session – The Session has met twice since my last report.

c. Congregation – I moderated one congregational meeting since my last report.

2. Work with Session, presbytery and a potential amalgamation partner to continue next steps for the building (at present these steps involve supporting presbytery's due diligence around the future of the building, i.e., reviewing possibilities for development by the presbytery and/or facilitating the terms of an amalgamation plan where the building would be among assets to be considered. Any sale of the building would require presbytery's approval of a formal request).

The Knox Session continues to work with the St. Giles Session on the amalgamation plan, in cooperation with the presbytery amalgamation team. The writing team was recently narrowed to a single representative from each Session to complete the draft for consideration by the respective

sessions/congregations.

The Knox Session, in consultation with the presbytery amalgamation support team, unanimously recommended to the congregation that the sale of the Knox facility be approved.

In an emergent congregational meeting on May 24 the members present voted unanimously via ballot to approve the recommendation from the Session to place the facility on the market and report this approval to the Presbytery via the Interim Moderator with a formal motion.

MOTION: MOVED by Chris Joiner, and seconded by Moira Brownlee, that the presbytery approve placing the Knox property on the market for sale.

The Session makes this recommendation recognizing both the ongoing work of discernment regarding amalgamation and its responsibility for the faithful stewardship of the congregation's assets.

Session believes that beginning the process at this time allows appropriate exploration of opportunities, timelines, and market realities, while not prejudicing the outcome of the amalgamation discussions or the decisions that must ultimately be made by the congregation and presbytery.

The Session is committed to the amalgamation process underway and is confident that an amalgamation plan will be completed soon and presented for approval.

If presbytery approves this motion, the Session, in close consultation with the presbytery amalgamation team, other relevant presbytery groups, our amalgamation partner, and relevant real estate consultants/agents will take the necessary steps to place the property on the market.

3. Regular written communication to the congregation in conjunction with Session ensuring information is shared and questions and concerns are addressed.

I communicated with the congregation leading up to the congregational meeting, sharing relevant recommendations and the Session motion.

4. Moderate Session and Congregational meetings.

In addition to the Session meetings listed earlier, I worshiped with Knox on May 24 and moderated the emergent congregational meeting concerning the property.

5. Ensure that pastoral care and pulpit supply are in place (currently being managed by congregational volunteers) and address any potential conflicts of interest in pulpit supply. Worship scheduling and pastoral care coordination continue to be ably led by volunteers at Knox. This faithful service behind the

scenes has enabled Knox to continue functioning as a community of faith, meeting the needs of the members and adherents.

6. Ensure that regular communication about the process is continuing with renters, building users and with churches that have expressed interest. All renters were notified of the emergent congregational meeting and its purpose. I have been in subsequent informal conversation with some of the renters and interested buyers, and the Session received communications from some as well. The Session is committed to openness in informing the renters and interested buyers as each step of the process is undertaken.

7. Report regularly to the Presbytery

These reports happen at each regular meeting of presbytery.

8. Encourage an awareness that presbytery is responsible for the general oversight and well-being of congregations and has the right, among other options to “unite or disjoin congregations in pastoral charges, raise or reduce the status of charges as self-supporting...and to dissolve congregations...” (200.9).

This continues to be in front of all involved.

Session Decision Regarding Weekly Worship

The Knox Session voted unanimously to schedule weekly worship at the Knox facility through the end of June. Beginning July 5, Knox will worship weekly at St. Giles. The congregation was notified of this decision in worship on Sunday, May 31, and via email the week following. St. Giles was also notified of this decision and invited to share any questions or concerns.

Session believes this step reflects the deepening relationship between the two congregations and provides an opportunity for shared worship, fellowship, and discernment as the amalgamation process continues. The decision was also shaped by practical considerations related to stewardship, congregational capacity, and the desire to focus energy and resources on sustaining ministry during this transitional season.

Session understands this arrangement to be an interim measure undertaken in good faith while broader questions regarding amalgamation and future ministry continue to be discerned. The Session anticipates continuing to function as the governing body of Knox Church unless and until presbytery determines otherwise. Financial accounts, membership rolls, and official records will continue to be maintained separately at this stage, pending further direction and any future decisions regarding amalgamation.

In taking this step, Session expresses gratitude for the hospitality and partnership extended by St. Giles and affirms its continuing commitment to seeking a faithful and sustainable future for ministry as an amalgamated church.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Joiner

Committee Reports

Clergy Care and Resource Committee – *Chris Joiner & Daniel Surya (Co-Conveners) (no report)*

Last Meeting: May 25/26 at the Presbytery Retreat

Next Meeting:

Congregational Care and Resource Committee – Jake Van Pernis
(Convener)

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, Visitation Report

April 26, 2026

The Congregational Care and Resource Committee reviewed the Visitation Report for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge put together by Rev. Heather Carlson, Rev. Peter Baek, and Helen Snortland.

The Visitation Team thanks the congregation and leadership of St. Andrew's Presbyterian for their hospitality and conversation. The team prepared by reading through the 2017 presbytery visitation report and the 2025 annual report. A letter of introduction was sent and included in the bulletin the week before our arrival. The team attended worship and had the opportunity to meet with the congregation at coffee time, and separately with the Administration Team, Session, and Rev. Daniel Surya.

Each week the bulletin includes a land acknowledgement as well as "Our Reason for Being": As a community of the people of God, called by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our purpose is to reach the hearts, minds, bodies and souls of individuals, thus, bringing the Kingdom of God upon ourselves and others. We do this through worship, nurture and outreach. While this mission statement was written 20 years ago, the Session noted Rev. Daniel's revitalization of the worship, nurture, and outreach aspects in both a new logo and his ministry emphasis.

Worship leadership and hospitality is shared across many roles. The congregation is so appreciative of the choir, musicians, and Daniel's leadership and preaching. Words they used to describe St. Andrew's included: love, fellowship, loyalty, and uplifting. They also note challenges in this season of their life together of inviting and integrating newcomers, visitors and youth.

The session noted that attendance has been increasing and they are particularly thankful that relationships tended by Daniel's pastoral care have been mended and resulted in the renewed involvement of folks from years past.

The congregation continues to celebrate being a Christ centered community that has become like a family. A significant number of opportunities are pursued to connect with the wider Lethbridge community such as serving at the soup kitchen, youth group, pickle ball, support for the Foodbank, ecumenical worship with downtown churches, pancake supper, and a newer initiative, "Thriving Families" to support families with preschoolers.

There was appreciation for the visit from the presbytery, but also frustration that it had been 9 years since their last visit. One participant noted, "Where was Presbytery when St. Andrew's was bleeding? When St. Andrew's was in need of help? Presbytery needs to do some soul searching. By not doing anything to discuss problems in leadership, the church is left abandoned" There was hope that the relationship with Presbytery could improve by fulfilling regular face-to-face visits, have the involvement of Calgary and 'non-Calgary' members, and keep strengthening communication and information lines.

Administration Team

The Administration and Spiritual Life Teams had been responsible for Human Resources matters. With the formation of the Personnel Team in 2026, the HR responsibilities moved to the mandate of the Personnel Team. The Administration Team carries the responsibility for building maintenance which is an extensive task. They receive reports from the treasurer and liaisons with the investment firms, and each team (Administration, Hospitality, Mission, Outreach and Evangelism, Spiritual Life and Personnel) develops its own budget. This leaves the oversight of the budget and any stewardship leadership to Session.

The physical church building has had significant attention recently with boiler work and two sections of roof replaced and a large space cleared and readied for a preschool rental contract commencing in September 2026. A new roof for the sanctuary will be needed within 10 years and there is currently enough money in the building fund for this expense. While the congregation recently indicated their intention to stay in their current building, there are concerns that there will not be enough capital and cash flow to sustain the building into the future. Both the Admin team and session expressed that the relationships between them are improving, and a new admin team convener is bringing new energy to the position.

Ruling Elders

The Session shared a delicious lunch with the team and spoke about a sense of hope for the future. All 6 ruling elders were present. The bulletin, sermon, and conversations with Session and Rev. Daniel highlighted the need for 3 more ruling elders. The Session feels quite stretched at the same time as comradery and support from one another and Rev. Daniel. If the current search for new elders is unsuccessful, as was the case in 2025, they hope to find ways to share some of the elders' duties with non-elders to make the workload more balanced. Some of this work has begun with a new visiting team, and a Reimagining Team to kickstart outreach and more long-term planning.

St. Andrew's is appreciative of Rev. Daniel's initiative to increase the on-line presence of St. Andrew's through blogs, services, Facebook, etc. It is hard to quantify what impact this has in the community, but members feel grateful for Daniel's expertise in allowing the ministry to be shared in technological as well as historical ways.

The Session continued to sing the praises of Rev. Daniel and the leadership he has brought to St. Andrew's. The depth of pastoral care coupled with his strong preaching have been blessings beyond measure. Several indicated appreciations for the celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, care at funerals and hospitals, and moving Bible Studies. Daniel puts into practice his wide range of giftedness.

Some current challenges include the retirement of the long-term office administrator in early 2025, and a subsequent admin change last fall meant a disruption to the established rhythms and expertise of this role. The Session recognized that the goals of Congregational Profile of 2021 have not been revisited, and it may be time to focus on strategic planning and looking forward. There is both joy and fatigue around the table.

Teaching Elder

Rev. Daniel spoke of his first years of ministry with St. Andrew's as an opportunity to learn their story. Over the years he has let his story weave into theirs so that they are building "our story" together now. Rev. Daniel expresses a deep desire for the congregation to continue to grow in their love of scripture and ministry of God. He is appreciative of their openness to new ideas, the "good flavour" of the congregation, and the support of leaders.

While the last formal written expectation for Rev. Daniel's role came from the congregational profile in 2021, he prepares sermon themes and worship outlines about 5 weeks in advance so that others in leadership can have input. This rhythm is new for other team members and often the feedback he receives is only within a few days of weekly worship.

Last year for study leave Rev. Daniel attended a course on preaching through trauma informed lens which has made a strong and positive impact on his ministry and preaching. He continues to be involved with the monthly preaching collective gathering from this event as time allows. This summer he is joining the Guder Pastoral Retreat at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. Rev. Daniel expressed interest in working with a mentor, spiritual director, or small colleague group for support on a more regular basis. The move to Lethbridge has put some strain on family life. Financially, the housing allowance was adjusted in the fall of 2025 which addressed a gap between actual costs and the previous allotment. Daniel's wife had a significant season of unemployment when they first moved, and has not yet been able to secure employment in her area of expertise. They hope for meaningful work for her, and sufficient income that would allow greater stability for their financial obligations to family as well as accommodating emergency travel and the increasing cost of living. Ben (12) is the only young person who is regular in worship, though he has developed a good group of friends through school.

The Congregational Care and Resource Committee expresses gratitude and thanks for excellent report the St. Andrew's Visitation Team has put together.

Presbytery is asked to consider the five recommendations stemming from the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge, Visitation Report:

Recommendations:

1. That the session, the lay leaders, and congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lethbridge be commended for their faithful commitment to our Lord, and moving forward with Rev. Daniel's leadership.
2. That the Clergy Care and Resources Committee continue to offer opportunities for ministry colleagues to gather outside of regular Presbytery meetings for sharing, support, and connection.
3. That the General Presbyter connects with the congregation of St. Andrew's, Lethbridge and invites conversation about how St. Andrew's can more widely use, access, and promote events and resources available in the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.
4. That the session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church implement an option (such as direct deposit or issuing cheques earlier than on the first day of the month) to avoid delays in bank processing so Rev. Daniel's stipend and housing allowance are available to him on the first of the month.
5. That the Personnel Team and/or session of St. Andrew's plan, at minimum, an annual conversation with Rev. Daniel about compensation, pastoral concerns, staffing, and annual planning goals.

Report from the St. Giles & CKPC Shared Ministry Support Team

May 2026

A Support Team was created by the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod in response to a communication received from the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca in December 2025 indicating the desire of Calgary Korean Presbyterian Church to end their participation in the Shared Ministry formed with St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

Events leading up to this announcement have raised significant concerns and issues for St. Giles. It is unfortunate and regrettable for all parties involved that the work of our Support Team was needed by the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

The Terms of Reference for the Support Team have been clear that our focus is supporting the creation of a document outlining terms for the ending of the Shared Ministry and alerting the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod on impacts to the ministry and call of Rev. Mannix.

The original membership of our team included Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts (Convener), Phil Gaiser and Rev. Greg Smith. In March 2026, Rev. Coutts submitted his resignation from the team and Rev. Smith assumed the role of Convener

The Support Team advised the Session of St. Giles to report the impact of CKPC's withdrawal on the call and ministry of Rev. Mannix to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod as one of our first actions while Rev. Coutts was convening.

Since Rev. Coutts' resignation, the Team has worked within the approach initiated by Rev. Coutts, utilizing a mediating framework, and within our Terms of Reference to help establish terms for ending the Ministry.

Several matters around property use and shared equipment were resolved over weeks that followed the announcement from Western Han-Ca and CKPC's effective withdrawal from active participation.

The Support Team worked through the Co-Conveners of the Shared Ministry Team to mediate agreeable terms on the remaining items.

In the original terms laid out for the Shared Ministry, it was suggested that the process for dissolution of pastoral ties would apply should a party choose to end the Shared Ministry, impacting Rev. Mannix's call. In consulting with the Principal Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, it was made very clear that this policy would not have and does not presently apply to this situation.

Nonetheless, in the terms below, the compensation being offered by CKPC represents the basic transition package that may have been offered to Rev. Mannix for the initial 3-year period outlined for the Shared Ministry had the basic guidelines suggested by the PCC's policies on the dissolution of pastoral ties been applicable and had the initial 3-year term been completed.

That is, the amount of compensation being offered by CKPC is equal to their share of that suggested by the basic standard transition package offered to ministers where the pastoral tie has been dissolved. This is based on the original terms of Shared Ministry which were set out for a period of three years: one month per year of service.

Initially, CKPC suggested that the elders acting as assessor elders at St. Giles would end their role immediately. Further, while CKPC indicated that they did not wish to participate in an assessment of the Shared Ministry, they encouraged St. Giles to go ahead with such an assessment on their own.

The terms below allow for the assessor elders to continue their role with St. Giles until the end of November 2026. (This also represents the term of the initial 3-year period set out for the Shared Ministry.) CKPC has also indicated that they will provide input and answer questions for any assessment initiated by St. Giles through those elders.

The terms below have been reviewed by the Shared Ministry team members for St. Giles and CKPC. The representative of the Presbytery of Western Han-Ca has participated in discussion and negotiation of the terms and has indicated his support. The Support Team has asked that the terms now be forwarded to the Sessions of St. Giles and CKPC and, pending their approval, be presented to the Presbyteries as outlined below.

Following the approval of the terms by the respective Sessions, the Support Team will ask the Shared Ministry Co-conveners to call a final meeting of the combined Shared Ministry Team. The focus of this meeting will be to acknowledge challenges, to name blessings and to express gratitude. It will be facilitated by the Co-conveners and mediated by the Support Team.

PLEASE NOTE: THESE TERMS HAVE YET TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE SESSIONS OF CKPC AND ST. GILES. IF APPROVED BY THE TWO SESSIONS, THEY WILL BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO PRESBYTERY AND A CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE SHARED MINISTRY TEAM WILL BE CALLED. FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, FINAL REPORTS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR WESTERN HAN-CA AND THE CM SUPPORT TEAM WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PRESBYTERIES.

Final Terms Governing the Dissolution of the Shared Ministry between St. Giles Presbyterian Church and Calgary Korean Presbyterian Church

Effective upon the approval of these terms by the Sessions of St. Giles Presbyterian Church and Calgary Korean Presbyterian Church and by the Presbyteries of Calgary-Macleod and Western Han-Ca, the Shared Ministry between St. Giles and CKPC will be formally ended.

Pursuant to this agreement and in recognition of the mutual commitments made to the Shared Ministry, the following terms shall be applied:

1) CKPC agrees to pay the equivalent of 3 months of their share of Rev. Mannix's compensation package (stipend and housing). This represents 3 months x 70% of the annual package.

2) Elders from CKPC, currently serving as assessor elders with St. Giles, will continue in that role until Nov 30, 2026. At the end of November, it is understood by all parties (CKPC, St. Giles, Calgary-Macleod and Western Han-Ca) that those elders shall cease to act in their role as assessor elders with St. Giles.

3) CKPC encourages St. Giles to engage in an assessment of the Shared Ministry. CKPC will not participate directly in this assessment. However, CKPC agrees to respond to questions or enquiries regarding their perspective on the Shared Ministry through the assessor elders, who will continue to serve at St. Giles until November 2026, and to contribute to any such assessment in this manner.

4) CKPC and St. Giles agree that other outstanding matters related to the Shared

Ministry (such as property use and the return of shared equipment) have been resolved.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Greg Smith*

Updates on Congregational Care and Resource Committee Work Plan

The Congregational Care and Resource Committee identified four learning / sharing events as a part of its work plan in 2026: A gathering for Church Treasurers in the Presbytery, a gathering of Youth Leaders in the Presbytery, a gathering of Communications Coordinators in the Presbytery, and a Gathering for Elders within the presbytery.

Below are the updates on these four events:

A gathering for Treasurers from the various churches within the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod will be held on June 13, 2026 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary. The gathering for Youth Leaders may occur in July to provide introduction and connection prior to Collective. Details and specifics are still being coordinated. The gatherings for Communications Coordinators and Elders will be held in the fall. Please know details and specifics will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

Update on Congregational Visits

All visitation teams have been contacted and asked to provide updates on their plans for upcoming visits. The teams serving St. Andrew's, Calgary, and Calvin Hungarian have already completed their visits and are currently drafting their reports. Meanwhile, the teams for St. John's, Medicine Hat, Centennial, and Knox, Gem/Bassano remain in the planning phase as they prepare for their forthcoming visits.

Update on Applications to the Riverside Fund for the Collective Youth Gathering

The Congregational Care and Resource Committee received complete applications from 18 youth seeking financial assistance from the Riverside Fund to attend the Collective Youth Gathering.

In accordance with Standing Orders, these materials were shared with the Clerk of Presbytery and the Treasurer for review. The total amount available through the Riverside Fund is \$6,719.72, resulting in an allocation of \$373.32 per youth.

In addition, the Presbytery received \$3,500.00 in supplementary funding from the Synod to support youth participation in Collective

As a result, each of the 18 youth from the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod planning to attend Collective will receive a combined total of \$567.76 in financial support.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jake Van Pernis*

Last Meeting: May 5, 2026

Next Meeting: TBD (likely late August or early September) via Zoom

Mission Care and Resource Committee – Deirdre Harris & Mary Jardine (Co-Conveners)

1. Recommendation regarding April 15, 2025 Trinity Fund Applications

MOTION: The Mission Care and Resource Committee recommends that Presbytery fully fund the Little Wonders Trinity Fund grant application for \$2,985.00 (attached with this report)

Background:

- Three applications were submitted, totaling \$41,735.00. The Terms of Reference (including adjudication guidelines) for the Trinity Fund are attached.
- Detailed reports and comments from the Adjudication Team will be sent to each applicant following the June Presbytery meeting.
- Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to re-apply and/or consider applying for national grants. The MCRC will support and assist these applications.

2. Focus on Refugees

The MCRC focus for this year is bringing mission-related people in Presbytery congregations to discuss and brainstorm collective solutions pertaining to issues related to supporting refugees once they arrive in Canada (e.g. seeking in kind donations, how we welcome refugee families, navigating the educational and medical systems, buying groceries, language challenges, etc.). Support for refugees was identified as a priority by survey respondents in the fall of 2024. The committee is planning a workshop to take place in late October or early November with a view to this becoming an annual event focusing on a mission-related initiative. Details to follow.

3. Co-Convenor Role: The MCRC is grateful that Okelo Aballa has agreed to co-convene the committee going forward.

Trinity Grant for Mission and New Ministries- proposed April 2024

To honour the legacy of the former Trinity Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod has established the TRINITY FUND FOR MISSION INITIATIVES.

Aware of existing funds that encourage new ministry initiatives, the TRINITY FUND FOR MISSION INITIATIVES will be merged with the FUND FOR NEW MINISTRY INITIATIVES. The grants offered from the interest generated from these combined

assets will be promoted to encourage congregations to be more engaged with the communities they serve.

Trinity Grant for Mission and New Ministries

What Can the Funds Be Used For?

• The funds are to be used for new initiatives to build up Christian witness in Southern Alberta, and encourage congregational engagement in their communities, considering present needs and looking to the future. Successful grant applicants will highlight relationship building, program development and leadership development.

Such programs may include, but are not limited to:

- Reconciliation work within and around the Presbytery
- Capital expenses related to the start-up of new community outreach programs
- Provision of resources for leadership development to: equip clergy and lay people to develop new skills and initiatives for gospel ministry;
- hire experts to provide faith leadership and formation for congregational ministries; learn how to evangelize in this time;
- imagine new ministries in southern Alberta;
- encourage strategic thinking for new generations of congregations;
- gain skills to support the 'institutional life' of congregations so that they can thrive and have impact in their stated mission rather than maintenance.

Who Can Access Them?

- Applications from Congregations within the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod will take priority. The standing committees of the Presbytery may also make application for funding, provided the proposed project meets the criteria of engagement and relationship building outlined above.
- Any applications will have a vision and clear plan. Partnerships are encouraged.

The Committee will be mindful of the following principals when reviewing grant proposals:

- The capital shall not be encroached upon in the award of these grants.
- Any returns on the capital are free to be disbursed.
- Gains not disbursed (in a fiscal year) shall be added to the principal.

How are the Funds Accessed:

Application guidance from the committee is available – but grant application should include:

- Type of project
- Description of activity – and time frame
- Money should be used in the calendar year issued
- Proposed budget
- How does this project encourage engagement or promote Christian Witness in your community?

Application Process:

The congregation or committee of Presbytery will present an outline of the program, including budget and desired outcomes to the Mission Care & Resource Committee

- Mission Care & Resource Committee will review all applications and take their recommendations to Presbytery for approval.
- If the grant moneys extend over multiple years, an annual report and evaluation will be required before subsequent installments are received. – such proposals will not exceed three years duration
- The committee will consider fresh applications after three years.
- The committee will consider multiple projects from a single congregation
- The committee will be mindful

Sharing the Learnings

Recipients will be asked to report to Presbytery in writing on the outcomes and impact of their funded projects

Applications shall be directed to the Convener of the Mission Care & Resource Committee. The committee will present recommendations to the Presbytery for approval.

Normally, applications will be reviewed within 60 days of their receipt.

Little Wonders- Adjudication Summary

Title	Little Wonders
Applicant's Name	Cynthia Henders
Congregation	St. John's Presbyterian Church
Grant Amount	\$2985.00

Project Summary

Families with babies and toddler aged children have recently begun regularly attending St. John's. This initiative would provide a welcoming environment for both the children and their parents as they make connections in the congregation and in worship.

The purpose of Little Wonders is to provide faith connections to families with preschool children too young for our current one room Sunday School. It is intended to benefit the families that have recently joined St. John’s, young families in our community, as well as the congregation who then can grow alongside children and young families.

In November 2025 we welcomed Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew’s Hall, for a weekend leadership workshop that helped spark further conversation about the mission of the church. There is hope that this experiment may support further expansion of Christian fellowship with children and young families in our community.

The idea was born when we realized all our active adults are already engaged in ministry Sunday mornings and cannot cover nursery care on a volunteer basis. St. John’s has a history of nursery care during worship, but this ministry lapsed more than 10 years ago. An infant baptism in May 2025 was the first in over 8 years and renewed the congregational hope of participating in Christian formation of the next generation.

Programming will include both nursery care on Sundays with the “God Loves Me” curriculum, augmented by periodic weekday family gatherings to focus on simple Christian formation practices that families can implement at home, such as prayer, generosity, forgiveness, and friendship.

Adjudication Scoring Summary

Scoring Categories	Score (sum of all adjudicators)	Out of:
Summary	12	12
Alignment	22	24
Feasibility	11	12
Learning & Impact	10	12
Total (out of 60)	55	60

Summary of Adjudicators’ Comments

The requested funding will be used to restart St. John’s ministry for young children and their parents on Sundays and four weekday events for the duration of the requested grant (September 2026 - December 2027). This is an exciting development at St. John’s and something that the Trinity Fund should support. The adjudication team is particularly interested in seeing how the weekday events develop. This is an exciting opportunity to gain valuable learnings about reaching people who may have challenges attending the conventional Sunday morning service. This could inform other kinds of missional ministries that are more appropriate for the “inner-city” environment around St. John’s.

Reports on Partnerships:

Chair of Christian Thought Advisory Council: *Mary Rozsa de Coquet*

Calgary Interfaith Council: *Vacant*

Indigenous Gathering Place: *Cathy Gale*

In addition to sharing communications about the upcoming Gathering at Moh'kinsstis on June 21st, the IGPS recently [issued a statement](#) concerning the late May announcement of a 20-year Site Concept Plan by the Confluence Historic Site & Parkland organization.

With this announcement there were many questions from the community about the IGP's involvement in the development of the plan. The IGPS statement clarifies that since neither the Board of Directors or the Elders Circle was engaged in, or invited to participate in the plan development, they can't comment on how it was developed.

However, the IGPS shared their surprise with some elements contained within the Site Concept Plan and expressed disappointment in not seeing an Indigenous Gathering Place vision clearly reflected in the Site Concept Plan. This is particularly so given the extensive community engagement, advocacy, and relationship-building since 2014, to advance an Indigenous-led, purpose-built Gathering Place at Moh'kinsstis.

The IGPS statement offers more comment on the details of that history. It also expresses a commitment to continue working with Mayor Farkas, City Council, and City Administration to ensure the vision, defined through Indigenous leadership and community guidance, will continue to be reflected in the future of Moh'kinsstis. They pledge to continue moving forward in a good way, to ensure that the Indigenous Gathering Place will be realized at Moh'kinsstis, and the vision of their Elders is realized.

Activities such as the Gathering at Moh'kinsstis on June 21st not only build awareness of the Indigenous vision of a permanent dedicated gathering place, but they also offer opportunities to learn and create better relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. A poster of that event has already been shared with the presbytery.

Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Lethbridge: *Karen Robbins*

The final Ecumenical Campus Ministry Lethbridge (ECM) report for the 2025-2026 academic year is a time to reflect on the challenges that students have faced and the joy experienced throughout the year.

Many students faced the challenges of finances and food insecurity, while still navigating their studies. Financial support for students is in a crisis leading to limited funds. By the end of the academic year, some students experienced running low on funds. Often times the choice was whether to pay the rent, buy groceries and / or pay the bills.

Finances can influence food insecurity. ECM launched a new Food Pantry program, shortly before its 25th anniversary celebrations (2019). The program began slowly with

only two Little Food Pantries opening on the U of L campus. These provided free grab-and-go food to students, who were in need of food year-round. This initiative was as part of the new Nourish program. Over time, the number of food pantries increased at the University. With the success of the Pantry program, Lethbridge Polytechnic subsequently picked up this idea.

One recent example of what was be done to help with food insecurity: thousands of fresh eggs were donated to Lethbridge Polytechnic wellness program and to the University nutrition program for distribution to the students.

Sometimes, it is hard to keep up with the food needs. The pantries are supported through food and/or financial donations from churches, U of L faculty, individuals and businesses. ECM ensures that the pantries are full of nutritional food and snacks. Some University departments have opened up food cupboards in their space.

The concern about food and finances affect the wellbeing of students. These struggles are not isolated just to University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge Polytechnic. This seems to be the reality in post-secondary institutions across the country.

There is a bright side to how students were feeling. Students have found much JOY in ECM's Smiles and Snacks program, which has helped to address aspects of their wellness. This highly anticipated weekly program took place on Tuesdays at Lethbridge Polytechnic and Thursdays at the University of Lethbridge throughout the year.

This program has developed into a real sense of community for fellowship. Students engaged in conversations with the many volunteers from ECM's supporting churches, who made time each week to support students in a brief, but impactful, way – a friendly smile, casual conversation, offering free snack. In some cases by creating an opportunity to learn new skills of fun non-academic variety, such as crocheting, knitting, and the technique of using fountain pens. Individual stress relief activities were also available to take home. Some students stay for a while; others stop by only long enough to grab a snack or two and then continue on their way.

During exam weeks each semester, students could find Smiles and Snacks volunteers every evening in the late-night study hall at the University of Lethbridge (Monday to Thursday: 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Friday to Sunday: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.). Students from Polytechnic also made use of the late-night study hall. The dedicated volunteers were from the Lethbridge community and the faculty and staff of the two campuses.

As the last Smiles and Snacks came to an end, some students expressed sadness, knowing that the Smiles and Snacks would not be operating during the summer months. They were assured that ECM and Smiles and Snacks would be back in September after a hiatus. The sadness turn to joy with excited anticipation.

Whatever the next year holds for students, Ecumenical Campus Ministry Lethbridge will be there. It is with gratitude that we say “thank you” to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod for its continuous support of Ecumenical Campus Ministry Lethbridge.

*Respectfully submitted,
Karen Robbins*

Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Medicine Hat: *Joyce Engel*

***Last meeting: May 19, 2026
Next meeting: August 2026***

Presbytery Care and Resource Committee – *Sandra Cameron Evans*
(Convener)

Meeting Dates for 2026-2027

September 15

- In-person
- St. Paul's, Banff
- Light Lunch at noon
- Induction of Moderator at 1 pm
- Meeting starts at 2 pm

October 13

- In-person
- Grace
- Light Lunch at noon
- Meeting starts at 1 pm
- Short Worship led by host congregation

November 10

- Zoom
- Meeting starts at 7 pm
- Devotional, Knox (Calgary)

January 12

- Zoom
- Meeting starts at 7 pm
- Devotional, St. Andrew's (Calgary)

February 9

- Zoom
- Meeting starts at 7 pm
- Devotional, St. Andrew's (Lethbridge)

March 9

- Zoom
- Meeting starts at 7 pm
- Devotional, Centennial

April 13

- In-person
- Westminster
- Light Lunch at noon
- Meeting starts at 1 pm
- Short Worship led by host congregation

May 11

- In-person
- Knox Bassano, Gem
- Light Lunch at noon
- Meeting starts at 1 pm
- Short Worship led by host congregation

June 15

- Zoom
- Meeting starts at 7 pm
- Devotional, St. John's

RECOMMENDATION: That presbytery approve the above meeting times.

Clerk's Honorarium

(NOTE: The Clerk was not present for this discussion.) After doing some research into honoraria for presbytery Clerks across Canada, the committee feels an increase is appropriate, especially in light of the increased duties approved by presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION: That presbytery increase the Clerk's honorarium from \$10,000/year to \$15,000/year effective July 1, 2026.

Committee Reports Format

With the approved changes to presbytery reports within the minutes, the committee is exploring guidelines to help provide consistency between each committee's report.

Multi-Cultural and Diversity Training for Leaders and Congregations

Presbytery requested that this committee explore the value of a workshop or guest speaker addressing multi-cultural and diversity training for leaders and congregations. Work has begun.

Presbytery-Wide Communication Review

At the April presbytery meeting, the Presbytery Care and Resource Committee was tasked with clarifying presbytery-wide communication. There are different layers of communication within presbytery, such as between the various congregations outside of presbytery communication as well as communication from presbytery to congregations.

The committee has drafted a Request for Assistance to do a Communications review requesting the following:

- Evaluate and suggest improvements to our website

- Provide an overview of communication within congregations (frequency of communication to congregation, an understanding of resources used/needed at each congregation)
- Interview/survey several representatives of the presbytery to identify perceived gaps and strengths of current communication strategies
- Make recommendations on ways to improve our inter-congregational communication
- Evaluate whether the presbytery should entertain any personnel other than volunteers to coordinate the communications work, and if so, to provide advice on preferred qualifications and the FTE needs (this would be expected to be a part-time role)

Responses should include a budget, proposed methods and timeline for the work, with a report available by late November.

RECOMMENDATION: That presbytery approve a Communications Review with recommendations, based on the above requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: That presbytery approve a request to the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest for funds as requested to the awarded contract, not to exceed \$20,000 for the purpose of a Communications Review with recommendations.

PCC Safety Policies on the Presbytery Website

The national church has requested all courts, congregations, non-congregational ministries, camps and colleges to have a prominent place on their website that explains the church's safety policies (Leading with Care, The Policy and Procedures for Addressing Harassment and Workplace Violence in the Church and The Policy for Dealing with Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) and that indicates the process for raising a concern and filing an informed complaint.

Congregations are asked to make this addition to their website. Arrangements will be made to add it to the presbytery website.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Cameron Evans*

***Last meeting: May 21, 2026
Next meeting: TBD***

Request for a consultation – Maren McLean Persaud, Christian Persaud or Tom Paasuke

The request is for the purpose of seeking information, clarification, or general advice on how to proceed with a matter that concerns the presbyter.

Clerk's report – *Christian Persaud*Representative Elder & Alternate Form

Please complete the form and send it back to the clerk at your earliest convenience. Identifying the representative elder is crucial in generating the membership for presbytery committees. As of June 4, only 3 congregations have responded.

Grants from the National Church

Centennial (Anyuak worshipping community) received \$8000 from the Avondbloem Experimental Fund.

St. Andrew's, Calgary (Neechi Mart) received \$20 000 from the New and Renewing Ministry Fund. This is a second-year grant, of a three-year maximum.

Walk As We received \$25 000 from the Chisholm Fund.

Recipients of grants from the national church are asked to ensure completion of the ministry report (or a comparable evaluation report) by December 2026. The report should highlight key learnings and best practices and include photographs showcasing the program in action. A copy of the report should also be shared with the Convener of Presbytery Care and the Presbytery Clerk for their records and general oversight. Please ensure that your program literature includes the following acknowledgement: "Supported in part by donations made to The Presbyterian Church in Canada."

Changes to the Appendix to the Roll

A letter of standing for retired minister Rev. Wendy Adams was sent from the clerk of presbytery of Kamloops indicating that Rev. Adams will be moving to the Calgary area. The letter stated that Rev. Adams is a minister in good and regular standing with The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Prior to her retirement, Rev. Adams served the congregation of St. Andrew's in Armstrong, British Columbia.

Recommendation: That Rev. Wendy Adams be placed on the appendix to the roll effective immediately.

Revs. Bertalan and Eniko Bocskorás moved back to Hungary several years ago, and have lived outside of the bounds of the presbytery, however they were never officially removed from the appendix to the roll. The clerk reached out to both ministers in September 2025 regarding whether or not there was a desire to return to ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada and did not receive a response. The Book of Forms 176.6 (and following) and Appendix A-16 allow for a historical certificate to be sent to ministers when they have been removed not for a disciplinary (judicial) reason, which in this case would be because they have moved back to Hungary and no longer reside in Canada.

Recommendation: That a historical certificated be issued to Revs. Bertalan and Eniko Bocskorás effective immediately, and their names removed from the appendix to the roll.

Temporary License for Wedding

Rev. Richard Watson serves as Minister of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church (Presbytery of Westminster) and has been asked to officiate the marriage between two members of Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church taking place in Calgary on Saturday July 11, 2026.

Recommendation: That the clerk of the presbytery Calgary-Macleod send a request to the clerk of Synod, for a temporary wedding license for Rev. Richard Watson.

Synod 2026

The Synod of Alberta and the Northwest typically meets on the 3rd weekend in October. The upcoming meeting will be taking place in Sylvan Lake at Camp Kannawin. Please keep this in mind and plan to attend. Registration information should be available soon, including details for hotel accommodation.

Congregational Records Check

No updates. Please send them in if they are outstanding.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Christian Persaud*

General Presbyter – Terry Fach

General Presbyter Calgary-Macleod Work Plan, March – September 2026

Responsibility	Activity	Who Else?	Start Date	Status
Resource and Support Congregational Care & Resource Committee	Assist/support teams for congregational visitations; refining visitation framework	Congregational Care Committee	April 2026	Ongoing (see note #1)
	Follow up on recommendations made in visitation reports		March 2026	ongoing
Resource and Support Clergy Care & Resource Committee	Assist with planning and Implementation of 2026 Clergy Visits	L. Judd, K. Robbins	April 2026	Ongoing (see note #2)
	Assist with developing a rhythm of seasonal clergy well-being events	C. Joiner, D. Surya, Clergy Care Committee	May 2026	ongoing
	Develop and update list of online resources on presbytery website	B. Clendening	April 2026	Not started
Encourage Relationships of Mutual Trust and Respect	2026 Presbytery Retreat planning	M. Rosza, S. Evans	Feb. 2026	Completed
	Meet with each minister for pastoral visit and discussion re: presbytery support and resources		Feb 2026	Completed
	Attend worship and/or one event at each congregation as time permits		Feb 2026	62% complete
Work with all committees to Foster Ongoing Information Networks and Partnerships	Research and recommend best practices for handling confidential documents and records of the Presbytery	H. Bryant, C. Persaud, Presbytery Care and Resource Committee	March 2026	See note #3
	Exit Interview IM resource	Clergy Care Committee		ongoing
	regular updating			
	Develop a plan for elder recruitment & training	Clergy Care, Cong. Care	May 2026	Not started
	Report at each Presbytery meeting: share resources and information that strengthens the ministry of congregations		Each Presbytery meeting	ongoing
Respond to Emergent Situations	Quarterly report regarding contacts	Clergy Care convener and Clerk	June, Sept, Dec	June complete
	Provide pastoral care to ministers, on behalf of the Presbytery, as directed	Clergy Care convener and Clerk		
	Convene Amalgamation Support Team for Knox/St. Giles Amalgamation	D. Hill, C. Gale, Presbytery Care and Resource Committee	April 2026	See note #4
Participate in the Courts and Committees of the Church	Participate in all meetings of the Presbytery			Complete to date
	Participate as ex-officio member of all four Presbytery committees			Complete to date

Notes:

1. I am convening an ad hoc committee to finalize a Congregational Visitation framework to bring to Presbytery in October 2026. The framework is based on Greg Smith's proposal, and our committee will include Greg and the conveners of both Clergy Care and Congregational Care committees.

2. On May 8, 2026 I met with Lynn Judd and Karen Robbins, as requested by Clergy Care and Resource Committee, to plan for Clergy Visits in 2026. While the format and scheduling of Congregational Visitations are under review, we are bringing a report to Clergy Care and Resource Committee which features several recommendations, including the updating of a document called "Clergy Well Being Toolkit." If anyone has a digital version of this document, please would you send it to me: gp@calgarymacleod.ca

3. This is an ongoing project. Two initial recommendations were approved by presbytery in May. Presbytery may expect further recommendations as we review the functionality of the presbytery website, and have ongoing consultations with Sarah Moore-Nokes (former GP in PCUSA, currently Director of Organizational Development PCUSA) and other Canadian presbyteries who are seeking solutions to challenges similar to ours.

4. See separate report: "Knox and St. Giles Amalgamation Team Report"

*Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Fach*

Other Business

Voluntary Withdrawal Committee

Amalgamation of Knox and St. Giles

Knox and St. Giles Amalgamation Team: Report to Presbytery – June 8, 2026

Purpose and mandate: The Amalgamation Team (AT) was appointed by the presbytery to support the amalgamation of Knox Presbyterian Church (Calgary) and St. Giles Presbyterian Church by facilitating prayerful dialogue with each congregation and their Sessions, seeking a process and outcome that is honouring to God and aligned with PCC policy. Our focus is two-fold. First, it is to help the two sessions discern and articulate an amalgamation plan that (1) reflects a Spirit-led vision for a new and vital Presbyterian church at the current St. Giles location, which comes from collaborative dialogue with each session and congregation; (2) is in alignment with PCC polity; and (3) will be approved by the congregations and the presbytery. Second, we have tried our best to guide a process that is pastoral and respectful, at once mindful of the need to make steady progress on amalgamation and also the anxieties that come with loss and change.

Activity and Progress in May/June:

- The AT had a productive meeting with St. Giles' session on May 19, hearing their questions and concerns and getting clarification on three specific AT questions.
- The AT met with Knox's session on May 26 (following their May 24 congregational meeting to vote on selling their building), recommending that Knox begin weekly joint Sunday worship with St. Giles on July 5, and that a final

service at Knox, celebrating the history and legacy of Knox's ministry in Calgary, be scheduled for Sunday, September 27. (See Knox Interim Moderator's report).

- In early May we appointed two "lead writers" to work with the AT—Maira Brownlee (Knox) and Sandra Cameron Evans (St. Giles)—to expedite the completion of the amalgamation plan. Our writing team met in person on May 12, 22, and 29, and online on June 4, to review and edit key sections of the plan, as prescribed by the PCC Policy for the Amalgamation or Dissolution of Congregations (2023).
- Both sessions have agreed to recommend that Knox's property be sold (this decision is part of the amalgamation plan). Here are some procedural items that are relevant to the presbytery:
 - The process of selling a property may begin at any stage of an amalgamation with the approval of presbytery, and all legal documents are to be signed by the trustees of the congregation being sold.
 - In conversation with Kyle Heaney (Project Coordinator, Support Services) at Presbyterian Church of Canada, should the sale of the Knox property be approved by presbytery, the assets will be transferred to the amalgamated congregation, pending approval of the asset distribution portion of the amalgamation plan by the Commission on Assets.
 - If the amalgamation of Knox and St. Giles is approved by presbytery before the building is sold, the building belongs to the newly amalgamated congregation (as identified in the amalgamation plan) and the assets will automatically transfer to the amalgamated congregation.

Next Steps:

- On June 14, during the joint Knox – St. Giles worship service, Maira Brownlee and Sandra Cameron Evans presented an "amalgamation update" to the congregation.
- By the end of June we will anticipate having a draft of the amalgamation plan that contains all necessary elements, including an agreed pathway for discerning future innovation in ministry, governance, infrastructure, worship and congregational life, financial and operational sustainability (including a budget that reflects current financial realities and future aspirations), community organizations and covenant partners, and administration (including archival records of Knox PC).
- The amalgamation writing team will meet again on June 19. We are currently working on the 4.0 version of the draft plan.
- We are in close contact with Knox's Interim Moderator, Chris Joiner, and St. Giles' minister, Chandra Mannix, to offer our support for the wellbeing of both congregations during these transitional times.
- One outstanding question for the presbytery to consider is the status and completion of the Property Development Analysis by Avison-Young. The presbytery contracted for this work to be done, but the scope of work needs to be reviewed if presbytery approves the sale of Knox. In that case, who will meet with and negotiate next steps with Avison-Young?

The AT and the writing team are making steady progress. There is growing anticipation in both the sessions and congregations of both churches. We covet your prayers for our entire amalgamation group, for steady progress and an unhurried pace even as our hearts remain soft and open to the leading of the Spirit who calls us, like Abram, to “go...and leave” for the place God is calling us to.

*Respectfully,
Terry Fach (Convener), Diane Hill, Cathy Gale*

Enthusiasms and Concerns

Prayers for the world and our role in it

Moderator/Appointee

Time and place of next meeting

Moderator

The next regular business meeting of the Presbytery will be **Tuesday, September 15 2026** in person at St. Paul’s, Banff. There will be a light lunch at noon, Induction of the Moderator at 1 pm, and the meeting will start at 2 pm. Reports due **September 3, 2026** by noon.

Adjournment
Benediction