DAY ONE – SESSION ONE  
(Thursday, June 2, 1:50 pm)

Singing: With Flamingo Friday, Music Team for the meeting

Opening
President John Haas, introduced himself and personally welcomed all to the meeting. He formally opened the meeting and called the court to order at 2:01 pm, with the following words: *In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, I declare the 90th Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Conference to be open.*

SunDo Hyun lit the Christ Candle.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands:
Lorna Standingready brought greetings to the court, honoured the traditional territories on which the court was meeting and offered words of prayer.

President John Haas then read the following acknowledgment in concordance to the motion made regarding territorial lands at the 82nd Annual Meeting in 2007 and the statement regarding the Affirming status of the Conference from the 88th Annual meeting in 2013:

*We acknowledge that for thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. As we open our meeting today, we acknowledge that we are gathered in the traditional territory of the Dakota and the Lakota First Nations –in the area most recently defined as Treaty 4, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.*

*And so we acknowledge that Saskatchewan Conferences is an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada as one that embraces diversity and strive to include and be a safe place for all people regardless of age, gender, race, culture, education, ability, economic status, martial status, sexual orientations, or gender identity.*

2016 Theme and Banners
President John Haas noted that as a symbol of our arrival in this space and of the diversity in the life of Saskatchewan Conference, the presbyteries and other groups within Saskatchewan Conference were invited to bring their banners to be displayed at the meeting of Saskatchewan Conference.
Two other banners were displayed:

1. The Saskatchewan Conference banner with the new United Church crest which was quilted by Karen Mundt of St. Andrew’s United Church in Moose Jaw, and,

2. The banner for this annual meeting which had been quilted by Irene Smith of Westminster United Church in Regina based on the logo designed by Roger Williamson of St. Martin’s United Church, Saskatoon.

President John Haas announced the death of Joan McConnell, former interim Executive Secretary of the Conference, and the illness of Anne Van Bleak (who was to quilt the banner for this year’s meeting but had a serious fall and was in care). He then led the court in prayer.

Introduction of Dignitaries and Guests

President John Haas began the introduction of the dignitaries joining the court throughout the weekend. It had been the tradition to invite a few dignitaries and have them bring greetings at the beginning of the meeting. This year, the planning committee broke with tradition of having all the guests speak at the start of the meeting. Rather the court would hear from them at the opening of each day of the meeting. The dignitaries who addressed the court at this time were:

Lorna Standingready who had brought her greetings at the very start of the meeting.

Mike O’Donnell, Deputy Mayor of Regina, member of Regina City Council representing Ward 3 who was in attendance on behalf of the Mayor of Regina, His Worship Michael Fougere.

President John Haas also welcomed the following people who would be present for the duration of the meeting:

- The Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

- Dawn Guenther and Bill Wall: Friday morning speakers.

- Bonnie Morton and Peter Gilmer (Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry): Saturday afternoon theme speakers.

- Brenda Anderson and Zarqa Nawaz: Saturday afternoon theme speakers.
- **General Secretary, Nora Sanders**, representing the General Council Offices who would be present Thursday and Friday. Nora Sanders had been General Secretary since 2007 and in her career as a lawyer and public servant she focused on justice and aboriginal issues in Ontario, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Saskatchewan. Nora was available to answer questions as part of the General Council Executive reporting time and for conversations at any other time.

- **Bernice Saulteaux and Fjola Hart Waskeesikaw** who were present on behalf of the All Native Circle Conference (ANCC). Bernice was from Carry the Kettle First Nation and Fjola was on staff at the ANCC in Winnipeg and was their Conference Personnel Minister.

- **David Lappano** who was program staff at the Centre for Christian Studies. The Centre is a theological school in Winnipeg which trains diaconal minister within both the United Church and the Anglican Church.

- **Jennifer Janzen-Ball**, the Director of the Designated Lay Ministry Program and represented St. Andrew’s College.

- **Flamingo Friday: Laurie Cole, Susan Hill, Christine Kendall, and Rob Reed** - the music leadership

- **Bill Unger** who was responsible for worship and was ministry personnel at St. David’s Trinity United Church in Saskatoon.

- **Suzette Mungal** of the United Church Resource Distribution Centre in Toronto, and the Conference’s own **Joan Tessier**. These women
looked after the sale of books and other merchandise.

Those who would be celebrated at the Service of Praise and Celebration on Sunday:
- **Duane Mohn**: Had been recognized as a Designated Lay Minister by Tamarack Presbytery and would be publically recognized by Saskatchewan Conference.
- **Lindsay Mohn and Brad Wudrich** who would be considered for ordination
- **SunDo Hyun and Kevin Spring** who were being considered for admission to the ordered ministry of the United Church from other denominations.

Those whose retirement would be recognized on the weekend:
- Hazel Arbon
- Sharon Ferguson-Hood
- Cindy Gossling
- Carole Beal-McKenzie
- Charles McKenzie
- Dave Whalley
- Donna Wilson

President John Haas also introduced the following people:
- **Marion Tudor, Bryan Tudor, Kathy Platt**: floor managers
- **Susan Paley, Brenda Simon**: Children at Conference leaders
- **Roy Bortolotto**, along with **Bev Diebert** of the Conference Staff, co-ordinated the Common Tater, the meeting newsletter.
- **The Youth Leaders**
- **The Conference Staff**
- **The Annual Meeting Planning Committee**
- **Krystal Sheremeta**: President Elect and responsible for the Celebration of Ministries Banquet
- **Nordeen Urquhart**: coordinated the Display space
- **Tricia Gerhard**: minute secretary
- **Barb MacNaughton**: convenor of the scrutineers
- **Don Kindopp**: Projectionist/Technician
Opening Worship
Worship was led by Bill Unger

Announcements
Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, June Blau, came forward to share announcements with the court.

Enabling Motions
Executive Secretary Bill Doyle led the court through the enabling motions:

**Bounds:**
Motion 2015-16-73
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the bounds of the Conference for the voting purposes be the floor of the meeting room defined by the table groups.
Carried

**Quorum:**
Motion 2015-16-74
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the quorum of the 90th Annual Meeting be 20% of those entitled to vote, of whom at least one third shall be members of the Ministry Personnel and one third lay persons.
Carried

**Agenda:**
Motion 2015-16-75
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the agenda of the 90th Annual Meeting be as printed in the Docket, and marked “Agenda” subject to such changes as may be recommended by the Flow Committee.
Carried

A change in the agenda was noted: the 80th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women was moved from the marked place in the agenda to Friday morning, and the Conference Executive Report was moved to the agenda slot originally slated for the 80th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women celebration.

**Flow Committee**
Motion 2015-16-76
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the Flow Committee consists of the President, the Convenor of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, the Floor Managers, and the Executive Secretary
Carried
Roll of Conference:
Motion 2015-16-77
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the Roll of Conference be those delegates regularly elected by the Presbyteries, including the Youth Delegates, and registered with the Presbytery Secretaries, the Conference Committee Convenors, and such other members who are not delegates from the Presbyteries as appointed by the Conference Executive; all ministry personnel on the rolls of the Presbyteries; members of the Order of Ministry who are not members of Presbytery in Saskatchewan Conference but who are serving within its bounds; and candidates for ordination, commission and admission in attendance at the Annual Meeting.
Carried

Corresponding Members:
Motion 2015-16-78
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the following persons be named corresponding members of the Court: General Council Office Representative, Nora Sanders; Center for Christian Studies Representative, David Lappano; ecumenical guests; and all registered visitors
Carried

Business Procedures:
Motion 2015-16-79
Bill Doyle/June Blau:
That the business procedures for the Annual Meeting be those outlines in the Docket
Carried

Budget Implications:
Motion 2015-16-80
Tim Ellis/Bill Doyle:
That motions with budget implications will be moved “for approval in principle” and, if approved in principle, then be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee who, if necessary, will consult with the Conference Sub-Executive, and will determine possible sources of funding which can be part of any new motions.
Carried

Nominations:
Motion 2015-16-81
Bev Kostichuk/Bill Doyle:
That nominations for President-Elect be in the hands of the Floor Manager no later than 6:00 pm, Friday, June 3, 2016
Carried
Elections:
Motion 2015-16-82
Bev Kostichuk/Bill Doyle:
That, with regards to elections that require a ballot, these positions not be declared elected until the person has received a majority of all votes cast (a majority is defined as 50% of the votes cast plus one vote).
Carried

Scrutineers:
Motion 2015-16-83
Bev Kostichuk/Bill Doyle:
That the scrutineers for the 90th Annual Meeting be the Convenor of Scrutineers and other persons named by the court as follows:
Barb MacNaughton - convenor
Barb Archibald
Cindy Gossling
Gloria Fitzpatrick
Jo-Ann Hills
Jane Jupe
Jim MacNaughton
Frances Patterson
Carried

Elections:
Motion 2015-16-84
Tricia Gerhard/Bill Doyle:
That the minutes, including the Minute Digest, of the Executive and Sub-Executive meetings of Saskatchewan Conference during the church year of 2014-2015, pages B-188 to B-264 of the record of Proceedings, be approved.
Carried

Introductions
Executive Secretary Bill Doyle introduced the following people:
- Linda Anderson and Carolyn McBean: Proposals Task Group
- Dwaine Dornan: Parliamentarian
- Lorraine Harkness and Russell Mitchell-Walker: Sexual Abuse Consultants
- Doug Ponto and Jacqueline Sampson: Chaplains
Table Group Time

President John Haas and President Elect Krystal Sheremeta led the court in a time of table group conversation. The following questions were suggested as being the focus of the conversation:

- How have you shown love to your neighbours and how have you fallen short of loving your neighbours?

- How does your pastoral charge show love of neighbour and how have they fallen short of doing that?

Singing

President John Haas introduced Kathryn Hofley

Theme Presentation:

“Loving Our Neighbour Who is Among the Poor and Marginalized”

President John Haas introduced Bonnie Morton and Peter Gilmer of the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry (RAPM) who led the court in the first theme presentation. As follows:

Michael Erik Dison said: “Justice is what love looks like when it speaks in public.” Charity is not enough, justice and solidarity is needed. Charity is a vertical relationship. It is needed in the world, but it does continue institutional inequality. Justice is a horizontal relationship where one is responsible to the other person. Charity and justice must work hand in hand as both are important. Charity helps to heal the wounds but doesn’t stop the blows that cause them.

Poverty is due to systemic issues—self serving policies of the economic elite. Problems need to be solved internally.

RAPM has a 45 year history. Originally it was the Regina Downtown Chaplaincy (for 25 years). In 1996 the name changed and the constitution shifted to include more advocacy. The Board became ecumenical and had “first voice” volunteers (people who lived the experience of poverty). RAPM is rooted in God’s radical love which is experienced through compassion and action, it advocates and educates with and for those seeking social and economic justice. It is the only agency working at mediating disability and social services. RAPM offers advocacy training sessions so that other people can do some of the front line coverage, some going as far as receiving an advocacy certificate.

RAPM offers monthly study circles, has created a poverty anthology and offers a place for practicum for Social work and human justice students. They have had over 70 students through the years. The agency works to find out what needs must be met and work toward changing policies and structures to allow this to happen. They also work at myth busting—we need to hear the stories about the reality of what people are living in order to understand what is going on.
We cannot blame those who are living in poverty for being poor, for they do not consciously choose to live in such a situation. 1 in 3 Canadians will live in poverty at some point and many more live just one pay cheque away.

Bonnie and Peter laid out some of the myths that surround those who live in poverty:

1. Poor people cause their own poverty. False. Actually ½ of the low income families are working poor.
2. Income assistance programs are generous and expensive.
3. Poor people can’t budget the money they do get. Actually most budget really well but you can’t budget what you don’t have.
4. Welfare fraud is rampant.
5. People on social assistance are exempt from taxes.

A quote from one of the RAPM clients: “If I am not sitting at home accepting the things I can’t change, I’m out trying to change the things I can” Ivan, referencing the serenity prayer.

People living in poverty need our voices to add to theirs. For each piece of charity work we do, we need to do a piece of justice work so that we don’t need to do the charity again.

Prayer – Koshy David, ministry personnel in Twin Valleys Presbytery, led the court in prayer.

Report on Staffing

Executive Secretary Bill Doyle spoke to the Staffing Report as found in the Docket on pages B6-B7. He noted that the United Church was in the midst of a time of change and so the Conference staff was changing as well. There will continue to be a decrease in staffing across the country and so it was a time of uncertainty for the staff of Saskatchewan Conference.

The current Conference Staff was introduced:
- Katie Curtis – Program Staff for Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Bev Diebert – Administrative Support Person
- Heather Dootoff – Administrative Support Person
- Bill Doyle – Executive Secretary
- Julie Graham – Program Staff for Mission and Education
- Liz Mackenze – Program Staff for Ministry Personnel and Education for Ministry
- Madeleine McLuhan-Myers – Archivist
- Rose Seifert – Administrative Support Person

Two new program staff have joined the Conference and with the new staff, a request was made for a covenanting of staff. The last covenanting that happened was with Bill in 2009. So it was an appropriate time to covenant with each of the staff and with the staff team as a whole. Executive Secretary Bill
Doyle asked President John Haas to come forward to lead the covenancing between the conference staff and the conference. The symbols of covenancing were handed out: the Inclusive Bible, a copy of the docket, a road map and balloons.

Hazel Arbon, past Program Staff for Mission and Education, officially retired in December 2015. At this time, Hazel and Joan Rennie-Laing came forward to mark Hazel’s retirement. Joan spoke to Hazel’s creativity and willingness to learn how to use the right tools but not only for fixing her house. She described Hazel’s qualities: kindness, compassion, competency, visionary, insightfulness.

Hazel spoke to the tribute that Joan Rennie-Laing gave. She said: look to the green personalities for they are the one that will love change and make the changes facing the church more palatable. (Colours: red, green and blue are team working styles. Red- more focused on people. Blue-structures and detailed focused. Green -oriented toward change.)

**Motion 2015-16-85**

*Bill Doyle/Gayle Wensley*

*That the Staffing Report of Saskatchewan Conference be received for information.*

Carried

**Report from the United Church of Canada Foundation**

Sarah Charters offered this report. The Foundation had just finished meeting in Regina prior to the annual meeting. Its theme was: Focusing on the Future Together. Currently there are three board members on the Foundation Board from Regina. Her report included the following:

The Foundation works to support all United Church members toward their futures…to offer services to individuals, to organizations needing grants, and to organizations in other ways. It offers short term funds - stocks. Long term funds -endowments and trusts.

It also provides service to:

- grant seekers in the form of scholarships and academic awards, seeds of hope, the funding of new programs, new ministry grants, and funding of new ways to do ministry through the Edge ministries.

- Organizations in the form of long term fund management and gifts of stocks and mutual funds.
Since 2007 there have been over $60,000 of grants given within the Seeds of Hope program. This has included:
- Davidson United Church in 2011 for a multi-year research program.
- Camp Caterpillar in Tamarack Presbytery in 2015 for a camp for gender creative children

Financial gifts were also given to support students in their fourth year at St. Andrew’s College.

**Motion 2015-16-86**
**Dave Whalley/Donna Rumpel**
That the report of The United Church of Canada Foundation be received for information.

Carried

**Point of Personal Privilege:**
The Youth at Conference invited the court to coffee house on Friday evening.

**Announcements**
June Blau came forward to share announcements with the court.

**Supper**
At 5:34 pm, President John Haas declared the meeting adjourned until 6:50 pm following supper.

**Grace**
The Music Team led the court in grace.

**DAY ONE – SESSION TWO**
(Thursday, June 2, 6:50 pm)

**Singing was led by the Music Team.**

**Nomination Committees (1 of 3)**
Bev Kostichuk, Nominations Convenor, spoke to the Nominations report as found in the docket, pages C9-C10, and H1-H4 which includes a list of people nominated for positions within the Conference structure for the 2016 – 2017 year. She invited nominations for President Elect and reminded the court that the deadline for President Elect nominations was Friday, June 3 at 6:00 pm.

Changes to the document in Section H were announced:
- Local Global Advocacy Co Leader: Linda Stumpf (1)
- Youth and Young Adult Co Leader: Emily Whittaker (1)

Current Vacancies were confirmed to be:
- Interim Ministry: Convenor
- Interview Board: Lay Member
Faith Formation Network: Co-Leader
Proposals: Member

She also noted that based upon a decision of the Conference Executive, the Nominations Committee will also be working on nominating members of an Emergent Working Group working on solar power.

Finance and Administration (1 of 2)
Tim Ellis, outgoing Finance and Administration (F&A) Committee convenor, dealt with the report found in the docket on page C6. Tim introduced the members of the committee along with identifying the members of the full committee who attended its meeting in March.

Executive Secretary Bill Doyle drew the court’s attention to the delegates’ expense form. Due to the changes arising from decisions made at the Annual Conference in Estevan the price per km is $0.23 and $0.33 for carpooling.

In the past year, the Property handbook was updated and re-released earlier this year. Digital copies are available on the Conference Website but if a hard copy is required contact the Conference Office. The committee is also working on updated financial guidelines for the restricted and designated funds held by Conference and hopes to have it approved in the fall.

The court was asked to look at the Budget working documents found in the docket on pages K3-K5.

The aim is to be as transparent as possible about the budgeting process. Tim reviewed income, commitments, and the other budget categories. He also noted that in spite of the decrease in monies that are available to the Conference, there are exciting things happening. These include:

- The Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Program which was full and with sufficient people on the waiting list for another full intake,
- The Vacation Bible School Caravan which was starting this year and fully booked, and,
- A fund which was established to offer assistance to pastoral charges seeking to be learning sites.

Two proposals would come before the Conference on Saturday: The Budget proposal and the proposal relating to the Moats Land Fund Green Initiatives Grants.

Conference Interview Board (CIB)
Jim Tenford, Convenor of the Conference Interview Board, reported on the activity of the Conference Interview Board. The report was in the docket on pages C5-C6. The CIB had three sessions of interviews for folk who wanted to go into ministry, and people wanting to be admitted to the United Church from other denominations. Jim thanked Liz Mackenzie for her patience and her diligence. He also thanked the committee for their time and gifts.

Jim then introduced those being recognized, ordained and admitted. Each had three minutes to answer the following question: what does loving your neighbour mean to you and how will you live this out in your ministry?

Introduction of Duane Mohn (Designated Lay Minister)
Duane Mohn was recently recognized by Tamarack Presbytery and will be publicly recognized as a DLM by Saskatchewan Conference on Sunday. Brock Shaver, Co-Convenor of the Tamarack Presbytery Education and Students Committee, introduced Duane to the court.

Duane’s background information is in the docket, page J2.

There was no vote as the decision was made previously by Tamarack Presbytery.

Introduction of Lindsay Mohn and Brad Wudrich as candidates for ordination and voting.

The ordinands’ background was found in the docket on page J1.

Jim explained that voting would be by ballot and placed the following motions which following the distribution and counting of ballots by the scrutineers were carried:

Motion 2015-16-87
Jim Tenford/Jen Dresser
That Lindsay Michelle Mohn, a candidate for Ordained Ministry, having completed her studies and having been recommended for ordination by River Bend Presbytery and having satisfied the Conference Interview Board as to her fitness in life and character for the Christian Ministry, be ordained by Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church of Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan on June 5th, 2016.

Carried

Motion 2015-16-88
Jim Tenford/Krystal Sheremeta
That Bradley Keith Wudrich, a candidate for Ordained Ministry, having completed his studies and having been recommended
for ordination by Tamarack Presbytery, and having satisfied the Conference Interview Board as to his fitness in life and character for the Christian Ministry, be ordained by Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan, on June 5th, 2016.

Carried

Introduction of SunDo Hyun and Kevin Sprong as candidates for admission and voting.

The candidates’ background information was available in the docket on pages J2-J3.

Again, voting would be by ballot and Jim Tenford placed the following motions which following the distribution and counting of ballots by the scrutineers were carried:

Motion 2015-16-89
Jim Tenford/Jen Dresser
That SunDo Hyun, a candidate for Admission from the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea, having satisfied the educational requirements and having been recommended by the Conference Executive, be admitted to the Order of Ministry as an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada by Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church of Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan on June 5th, 2016.

Carried

Motion 2015-16-90
Jim Tenford/Krystal Sheremeta
That Kevin Douglas Sprong, a candidate for Admission from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, having satisfied the educational requirements and having been recommended by the Conference Executive, be admitted to the Order of Ministry as an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada by Saskatchewan Conference of the United Church of Canada in Regina, Saskatchewan on June 5th, 2016.

Carried

Motion 2015-16-91
Barb McNaughton/Jim Tenford
That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried
Motion 2015-16-92
Jim Tenford/Krystal Sheremeta
That the report of the Conference Interview Board be adopted.
Carried

Stewardship Game Show
Roland Legge and Julie Graham introduced the Stewardship Game Show.

Announcements
June Blau came forward to share announcements with the court.

Worship – Bill Unger led the court in worship which included an In Memoriam time

Adjournment
President John Haas declared the meeting adjourned until 8:45 am Friday morning with singing.

Benediction

DAY TWO – SESSION ONE
(Friday, June 3, 8:45 am)

Singing was led by the Music Team.

The meeting commenced at 9:02 am

Introduction of Dignitaries
An invitation was sent to Ralph Goodale to bring greetings on behalf of the Federal Government. Unfortunately, Parliament was sitting, so Ralph was unable to attend. He did, however, send a letter which Executive Secretary Bill Doyle read to the court.

The Chairperson of the Regina Multi-Faith Forum, Gagan Deep Singh, also brought greetings to the court on behalf of the inter-faith partners of the United Church.

Worship – Bill Unger led the court in worship

80th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in The United Church of Canada
Pam Thomas, Loraine Harkness, Barb McNaughton, Kathy Platt plus others led the celebration of this milestone with a litany outlining the history of Rev. Lydia Gruchy, the first ordained woman. The celebration litany ended with a slide show of contemporary women in ministry in Saskatchewan Conference.
Theme Presentation
“Loving our Neighbour who is Indigenous”
President John Haas introduced Dawn Guenther and Bill Wall, Co-Convenors of All My Relations Network (AMRN).

Dawn and Bill decided to not have an indigenous person be part of their presentation because they were two non indigenous people speaking about loving the indigenous neighbour to a mostly non indigenous group of listeners. They pointed out that there is a “We-They” mentality that we are unaware of or don’t deal with until we actually realize it. Marie Wilson said there are “two solitudes on Canada: non indigenous and indigenous.” Bill and Dawn also went on to say that they were not speaking “on behalf of AMRN” because they are a diverse group of people who can speak for themselves.

Our relationship with indigenous peoples is one of the foremost issues at this time. We will be judged by future generations by how we deal with this opportunity. The population of the indigenous peoples in Canada are represented by the following percentages: 43% First Nations; 33% Metis; and 4% Inuit.

Dawn and Bill pointed out the issue with the title of this theme presentation. “Loving our Indigenous Neighbour” betrays a sense of superiority, that we have something that they need. We need to stress a mutuality, a shared need. It’s not about good feelings but rather attitudes and actions. Peck said that love is an act of will -namely both an intention and an action.

Indigenous people are asking for respect and justice, to be treated as equals. An attitude of disrespect and injustice has been in place for 500 years. Originally, native people were seen as useful -guides, aiding survival, participating in wars. By the 1800’s the native peoples were seen as a hindrance to development. By the 1900’s they were seen as a problem, as enemies to progress, “inconvenient”. John A. MacDonald started to contain the problem and so started the movement towards reservations, residential schools, the card system, and the denial of equal access to opportunities.

We need to challenge the systems of society to overcome white privilege… it isn’t visible until we acknowledge its presence. We have derived power from this privilege and we have been conditioned to not notice it –our lifestyles become the norm and all others need to be like us. For years, brave indigenous people have shared the impact of this privilege on their lives. They have faced monumental loses, both in individual families and as a culture. We need to take an open, honest, vulnerable look at our participation in this state of being. We need to speak out against this injustice.

Wab Kinew said: “None of us chooses to be a racist, but we can choose whether or not to remain one.” Childhood learnings can affect adult behaviors and we
need to be aware of how that manifests itself. How do we work towards changing that?

In 1986 the UCC apologized for the destruction and disrespect of native cultures. In 1997 the UCC apologized for their role in the Residential Schools, going against the advice of its lawyers. However, the language used in the apology was not that of a full and clear apology, as was pointed out in a paper “Analysis of the Language of Responsibility.” The apology issued should have said: “we apologize because we did this wrong thing to you.” Despite the wording, the apology did have an impact. Churches began a journey of understanding the wrongs done. At the last gathering of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Moderator Jordan Cantwell accepted responsibility for our active role (as a church) in this history -“It was an inhuman and immoral activity in which we took part.”

Dawn spoke of her experience with the Nimis Kahpimotete wilderness canoe trip that brought indigenous and non indigenous women together.

The past can’t be undone but it can change our future. There is growing awareness within Canadians toward better education that allows us to see the hurts of the past so that we can move forward in order to build healthy and healing relationships with indigenous peoples.

Prayer – The Youth at Conference led the court in prayer.

Pastoral Relations/Settlement Committee Report
Darrell Reine, Convenor of Pastoral Relations/Settlement (PR/S) Committee presented some insights and updated about current work. The full report of the committee is found in the docket on pages C10-C11.

The committee was working on a policy for retired ministers who wish to remain in the pastoral charge and how to engage with the incumbent minister in the pastoral charge. It was intended that this would come into place in the fall.

The Ministry of Supervision course had not been offered since 2013. The course is a 10 day residential program that trains people interested in being a learning supervisor. It was hoped that this course would be offered again in the winter of next year.

As to the new Compensation Model…with a new call to a multi-staff position, the new compensation model had to be put into place as soon as the new minister arrived. Existing ministries would need to change by July 2017. Salary would also have to move to the new model with all renewals of contracts.
Settlement: no one had opted for settlement this year. 32 ordained, 3 commissioned, 5 DLM for 40 new ministry personnel in total. There were 9 retirements in Saskatchewan Conference alone. ¼ of the new calls fill in the retirement positions.

General Council Executive Report
Brenda Curtis, General Council Executive Representative (OM) and Vic Wiebe, General Council Executive Representative (LAY) offered this report with hats and bells. The full report can be found in the docket on pages B7-B9.

The report was given in the format of a game show: “Who Wants to be a Billionaire?” President John Haas and President Elect Krystal Sheremeta were contestants. Nora Sanders joined them as referee/score keeper.

Motion 2015-16-93
Bill Unger/June Blau
That the report of the General Council Executive be received for information.
Carried

Singing was led by the Music Team.

Report of the Financial Development Officer
Kathryn Hoffley, Financial Development Officer, brought highlights of her report to the court. The full report is found in the docket on page F5 and included the following:

The purpose of the church is to do God’s mission, and we are to engage to God’s mission together through the Mission and Service Fund. Last year the people of Saskatchewan Conference donated $1,479,355 to M&S.

M&S Supports: Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, North and South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincies, University of Saskatchewan chaplaincy, River Bend Integrated Community Ministries, La Ronge Pastoral Charge.

Motion 2015-15-94
Carolyn McBean/Charles MacKenzie
That the report of the Financial Development Officer be received for information.
Carried

Announcements
June Blau came forward to share announcements with the court. Katie Curtis also announced that the Vacation Bible School Caravan had received $10,000 grant from The United Church of Canada Foundation.

President John Haas declared the meeting adjourned following grace until 2:00 pm
Grace
The Music Team led the court in grace.

Lunch Break

DAY TWO – SESSION TWO
(Friday, June 3, 2:00 pm)

Singing was led by the Music Team.

Worship – Bill Unger led the court in worship

30th Anniversary of the Apology of the United Church to First Nations People
The court was led in a time of prayer, song and story/history that went through the history and process that led to the official apology made 30 years ago to indigenous people by the United Church of Canada.

Singing was led by the Music Team.

Orientation to the Proposals Process
President John Haas walked the court through the proposal process used at the Annual Meeting. These procedures are found in the docket on page A14.

Point of Personal Privilege:
Russell Mitchell-Walker stood on point of privilege to inform the court that Ken Powers was in hospital recovering from surgery.

Stewardship Game Show
Hosted by Julie Graham and Roland Legge

Proposals
Dwaine Dornan, Parliamentarian; Carolyn McBean and Linda Anderson, Proposals Committee members came to the stage.

Proposal No. 1
Peter Gilmer introduced the Proposal that was listed in the Docket as Proposal No. 1.

Title: SASKATCHEWAN ANTI-POVERTY ACT
Originating Body: Wascana Presbytery
Financial Implications: None
Staffing Implications: None
Source of Funding: Not Applicable
Wascana Presbytery proposes that Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada call upon the Government of Saskatchewan to implement a Saskatchewan Anti Poverty Act in order to ensure that the rights it has committed itself to protect under the United Nations International Covenant on Economical, Social and Cultural Rights are enshrined in enforceable legislation.

Background:
The God of our scriptures maintains the cause of those in need (Psalm 140:12) and we are called to defend the rights of the poor (Proverbs 31:9).

Poverty is a human rights violation. In 1976, Canada with the approval of all provinces, signed the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Article II of this covenant recognizes the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their family including adequate food, clothing, and housing and to the continuous improvement of living conditions. Article 7 of the Covenant recognizes the right of everyone to the enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work which ensure all workers with fair wages for a decent living for themselves and their families as well as equal remuneration for work of equal value. This means that issues such as adequate income security benefits, a living wage, quality and affordable housing and childcare and pay equity are not just social policy concerns. These are basic Human Rights. When Federal and Provincial Governments do not ensure these rights, they contravene International Law. The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights has been very critical of Canada and the provinces for not ensuring these rights in such a wealthy nation.

Saskatchewan could once again play a role in pioneering progressive social legislation that becomes a model for the rest of Canada by recognizing basic economic rights in enforceable legislation. Such legislation would not only improve the lives of low-income people but would benefit Saskatchewan as a whole.

For instance, public health research consistently shows that those societies with a narrower gap between rich and poor are healthier, happier and have a better quality of life than those with greater economic inequality.

Furthermore, it costs far less to deal with the roots of poverty than to be forever increasing expenditures on the symptoms of poverty in our health, justice and family service symptoms.

Intermediate Court Action: not applicable
Peter Gilmer spoke to the proposal put forward. There is no human rights framework and no way of knowing that things are happening – there are inadequate social assistance rates, inadequate affording housing, lack of affordable childcare and far too little of the GED is being used on social programs. The government needs to offer legislative protection to make sure that the commitments under the covenant are upheld.

Motion 2015-16-95
Peter Gilmer/Bonnie Morton
That Saskatchewan Conference adopt proposal number 1.
Carried

Singing was led by the Music Team.

Finance and Administration Committee
Finance and Administration Convenor Tim Ellis and Executive Secretary Bill Doyle came forward to go over the budget proposal which is found in the docket on page K6.

Concern was expressed that the information about the income about of the Moats Land Fund and its sharing with the All native Circle Conference was not included in the Finance and Administration Committee report. This was requested be included in the report next year.

Concern was also expressed that the report does not include the audited financial statements for 2015. In response, it was confirmed that the Conference Executive dealt with the financial statements at their last meeting and that is traditionally where issues relating to the financial information has been dealt with.

Members of the court were then asked to consider the following questions in table groups and to record and submit the responses received:

1. As Saskatchewan Conference moves into a new structure, if we were going to set aside our share of the Moats Land Fund for a specific purpose within the structure or region, what would you suggest that might be?
2. How can Saskatchewan Conference prepare itself for moving into a region involving a mutual relationship with another of the existing Conferences.
3. In spite of the existing financial constraints, there are exciting things happening in Saskatchewan Conference that can be carried into the new structure. What else might we do?
Motion 2015-16-96
Tim Ellis/Bill Unger
That the Saskatchewan Conference Budget for 2017 be as outlined on page K6 in the Saskatchewan Conference Budget Document resulting in a deficit of $91,569 which would be satisfied by a transfer from reserves. Carried

Motion 2015-16-97
Tim Ellis/Bill Unger
That the amount available for Green Initiative projects from the Moats Land Fund be $20,000 for the year 2017 Carried

Motion 2015-16-98
Tim Ellis/Dave Whalley
That the report of the Finance and Administration Committee be adopted. Carried

Motion 2015-16-99
Carolyn McBean/Marilyn Leuty
That the Conference request that the meeting of 2018 financial report include the summary of the cash flow through the Moats fund especially as it relates to ANCC (an annual report). Carried

Prayer – Jen Dresser, ministry personnel in Good Spirit Presbytery led the court in prayer.

Report from St. Andrew’s College.
Jennifer Janzen-Ball gave highlights of the report found in the docket on pages F1-F2.

Motion 2015-16-100
Darrell Reine/Lorna King
That the report from St. Andrew’s College be received for information. Carried

Worship – Bill Unger led the court in worship

Announcements
June Blau came forward to share announcements with the court.

President John Haas declared the meeting adjourned following grace until 9:30 am Saturday morning.

Grace - The worship team led the court in grace.
DAY THREE- SESSION ONE
(Saturday, June 4, 9:15 am)

Singing was led by the Music Team.

Introduction of Dignitaries
Tina Beaudry-Mellor, MLA for Regina University, brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan. The Premier was invited to attend but was not able to be present.

Rev. Trish McCarthy of St. Alban’s Anglican Church in Moosomin brought greetings on behalf of the ecumenical partners of the United Church.

Worship – Bill Unger led the court in worship

At this time President-Elect Krystal Sheremeta took the chair as President John Haas gave the Conference Executive Report

Conference Executive Report
President John Haas gave his report on the activities of the Conference Executive. The digest of minutes is located in the docket on pages B1-B5.

John started his report by saying that the last three years on the Conference Executive have been enjoyable. This is a huge change from his past experience of Executive. The executive had three face to face meetings, and one special meeting regarding remits.

Executive meetings were marked by the community built between members. It is able to make decisions based on consensus. All members contribute to the debate and there was no rancour between members.

The decisions that the executive had to deal with were significant, but there was good communication, laughter, and trust which is especially important when dealing with difficult financial decisions. They did not choose to do the easy thing. Our grants weren’t cut so our budget shortfall wasn’t as big as expected. All voices were heard around the table, and when it was time to act we did so with unity and with grace.

Some decisions were easy, such as the VBS Caravan. Our enthusiasm is shared with the rest of the conference. Also it was our privilege to appoint the search committee for the Program Staff for Mission and Education, which led to the hiring of Julie Graham.

The Executive was thanked for the support and the wisdom they have offered. He will miss being part of them.
Otherwise, the reporting time as included:

- The requested information in relation to the Moats Land Fund and the monies sent to the All Native Circle Conference; that is $153,262.37 in June of 2015 being 50% of the Moats Land Fund and $11,373.74 in January of 2016 being ½ of the further income. The plan was to send a cheque in July and January of every year, representing half of the further income.

However, it was also noted from the floor that unaudited financial statements are sent to the Executive for each meeting and are therefore part of the minutes and accessible to the Conference on the website.

- A question was asked from the floor about whether there will be evaluations of the Conference structure and the budget process so that we will know what the Conference we are taking as our offering into the regions as part of the new structure. The decision was made by the Executive not to evaluate the structure and the budget process with so little time before changes take place but that can be reconsidered by the Executive at its November meeting.

Motion 2015-16-101
Gayle Wensley/Dwaine Dornan
That the report of the Conference Executive be received for information.

Carried

Laughter Yoga was led by Marilyn Fredsberg

Children at Conference
Susan Paley and Brenda Simon, co-leaders of the Children at Conference program, along with children at conference participants, Joshua Bell, Sophia Gerhard, Pam Sundberg, and Hannah Kim-Cragg gave their report letting the court know what they have been doing during Conference.

The highlights included:
- The food
- A dice game called beetle
- Making dioramas
- Playing outside
- Meals with my friends
- Laughter yoga
- Discussions we took part in
- Enjoyed getting to know everyone and having all of the kids together
- They did a fantastic job in the 30th Anniversary of the Apology litany and the prayer moments (which they wrote)
- Having Bonnie and Peter come speak to them
- Playing with the youth
- Going swimming
The children presented their dioramas which represented the Good Samaritan story.

**Motion 2015-26-102**  
Brenda Simon/Tracy Murton  
That the report of the Children at Conference be received for information.  
Carried

**Nominations**  
Bev Kostichuk convenor of the Nominations Committee brought forth the name of the nominee for President Elect: Bonnie Morton.

At this time Bonnie Morton spoke to her nomination, answering two questions…

1. **What do you offer this position:** I don’t do things in the normal way you should, or follow proper structure. Five years ago, I was recognized as a DLM. The theme at that time was: “Called to make a difference”. I have been called to make a difference since my first breath. I can bring to the position the ability to stand beyond structures, challenge things that aren’t right, and to collaborate.

2. **What is the main issue in Saskatchewan:** there isn’t ONE main issue. It's a combination of things, and what they create in us is fear of the unknown. But I do believe we will see a light at the end of the tunnel soon. We are restructuring and that’s the fear. We think we might be losing our identity. In the lives of the impoverished, they have fear and they have no choice but to move forward. In structural change there doesn’t have to be a loss of identity. We are afraid that we are going to lose family, connections. We are a church of a whole, and we are a people of justice.

**Motion 2015-16-103**  
Darrell Reine/Bill Unger  
That Bonnie Morton be elected as President Elect for Saskatchewan Conference.  
Carried

Bev Kostichuk continued her report by reminded people that there were Skills and Ability sheets on the tables. She asked that those folk with terms ending or not on committees to please fill it out and noted that there are congregational members who are not known in the wider church and the committee contacts presbyteries through secretaries to find folk who have skills/gifts.

The Committee asked two people to speak about how conference work has impacted their work in the congregations where they worship. Karen Mundt and Sheila Ivanchenko offered their thoughts.
Prayer – The Children at Conference led the court in prayer.

Pastoral Relations/Settlement (PR/S) Committee
Darrell Reine, Convenor, continued his report. He drew attention to the Settlement report found in Section L of the docket which is received as information. One change to note: Cindy Gossling is retiring August 1, 2016 not July 1, 2016.

Motion 2015-16-104
Darrell Reine/Marj Kent
That the Saskatchewan Conference Pastoral Relations/Settlement Committee Report for 2015-2016 be received for information.
Carried

Motion 2015-16-105
Darrell Reine/Barb McNaughton
That the report of the Pastoral Relations/Settlement Committee be adopted.
Carried

Report from the Women of the United Church Network
Mary Mohn, co-covenor, spoke to the report found in the docket on pages D6-D7 and included the following:

The website connection is the best way for the women of Saskatchewan Conference to stay connected. The newsletter is updated once a month. There is women’s retreat at Camp Tapawingo from August 27-29th which is for all women of the church. No meetings, just an opportunity to be still and be with God.

Many women are involved in Women’s Interchurch Council of Canada network. This represents 10 church partners and is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2018. Provides funding for women’s projects around the world. The purchase of Awaking art prints ($140 each) has raised money for indigenous women’s projects. One example is the Sisters of the Sun counselling center in Regina. $9000 has been raised so far.

The UCW is part of the network. We are the only conference without a UCW Executive. Betty Anne and Mary Mohn are part of the national gathering and have a vote there. The UCW is the largest structure in the UCC and will celebrate its 55th Anniversary at UBC, in July 2017.

The Saskatchewan Conference UCW donated $59,732 and nationally the UCW donate $1,383,014 to M&S. The UCW bursary fund is also available for Saskatchewan Conference folk who are participating in education at recognized theological education institutions.
The Bread Not Stones Campaign works at raising awareness about the elimination of child poverty in Canada. Contact Linda Woods and Laurel Kenney at wecanendchildpoverty@gmail.com. This movement presents government leaders with rag dolls to draw their attention to the issue.

**Motion 2015-16-106**
Mary Mohn/Beth Teskey
That the report from the Women of the United Church Network be received for information.

**Carried**

**Stewardship Game Show**
Katie Curtis and Katherine Sarauer led this part of the game show with the title: “I Upped My Givings….Up Yours!”

The table groups were challenged to answer various questions.

**Table Group Time**
President John Haas and President Elect Krystal Sheremeta led the court in table time focusing on: How is the meeting going? What’s been good so far? What are you looking forward to? What’s bad?

**Singing was led by the Music Team.**

**Report from Calling Lakes Centre Board**
Bill Unger, Saskatchewan Conference Rep to the Board, spoke to the court directing folk to the report in the docket on pages F2-F4. He noted that the land was still on the market and maintaining the building currently costs $77,000 a year and so the Centre is still accepting donations.

**Motion 2015-26-107**
Bill Unger/Tim Ellis
That the report from the Calling Lakes Center Board be received for information.

**Carried**

**Youth and Young Adult Community (YAYAC) Network**
Sheldon Dugas and Emily Whitakker, Co-convenors, led this time of reporting. The full report is in the docket on page D8. The youth present at the court shared their experiences and why they attend YAYAC events.

The youth also shared a series of tableaux based on the Good Samaritan story. They had performed this at the Coffee House Friday night.
Motion 2015-16-108  
Sheldon Dugas/Emily Whitaker  
That the report of the Youth and Young Adult Community Network be received for information.  
Carried

Report from the Centre for Christian Studies (CCS)  
David Lappano, program staff at CCS, shared his reflections. The full report is found in the docket on pages F7-F8.

As part of his report, David highlighted the educational method of the CCS. The students engage in the Spiral Model of Theological Reflection which is made up of four stages.

1. Concrete experience – what did we see, experience, who is involved, what's the environment.
2. Look into self – how did I feel, emotions, thoughts, what knowledge do I already have of me and how I would react.
3. Abstract Conceptualization – take theories/theologies and work with them. Invisible forces that have impact on our experiences.
4. Strategic Plans – active experiments, plan something we can do in the community, either church or broader community. Help to learn more.

David also gave an example of spiral reflection based on the Good Samaritan story.

Motion 2015-16-109  
Rob Reed/Jennifer Janzen-Ball  
That the report from the Center for Christian Studies be received for information.  
Carried

Announcements  
June Blau came forward to share announcements with the court

President John Haas declared the meeting adjourned following grace until 2:00 pm

Grace was led by the Music Team

Lunch Break

DAY THREE – SESSION TWO  
(Saturday, June 6, 2:00 pm)

Singing was led by the Music Team.
Theme Presentation
“Loving our Neighbour Who is of Another Faith”

President John Haas introduced Brenda Anderson and Zarqa Nawaz (Muslim writer, film director). Their presentation included the following comments:

There are four typical ways of having interreligious dialogue: exclusivism, inclusivism, pluralism and dialogical. We need many of these paths in order to get us to the Good News.

Religion is part of our public space. There are diverse ways to practice faith. It's not about dealing with faith but rather teaching about religion which is about figuring out how we think and act. We need to find common goals and ways of working towards those goals.

In 2011 there were one million Muslims in Canada

In 1946 India and Pakistan split. Colonialism was the cause of the split and the Muslim population found themselves becoming refugees in their own country.

Early Islam was relatively peaceful as it spread. Women saw more equality and feminism was active. Unfortunately Victorian ethos invaded the Muslim faith during colonialism.

As Christianity rose in popularity during the 1100’s, the crusades began and European issues were being projected on the other. This resulted in church conflict, economic hardship, joblessness, and famine – the crusades were the perfect way to keep people busy. Muslims were identified as violent and were the focus of projected fears.

Jihad history is rooted in the Russian invasion of Afghanistan during the cold war. Americans feared the USSR taking over countries. The Americans funded right wing Muslims to recruit and talk up Jihad culture. This is the root of the issues we face now.

When the Russians left - they left militaristic ideas behind. Generations were raised on this culture and this flourishes in the current situation. Jihad was not a principle of faith until the 1970’s and now the young people of today are confused and not feeling as if they belong. It is a clash of civilizations.

In Europe, girls wearing head scarves are removed from school because it is seen as Islamic - fear of being extremists.

Canada is a pluralistic bubble where people can express their faith as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone else. There is an attitude of accommodation giving freedom that is not seen in other places and allowing people to belong while being fully self. Some societies such as Europe, don’t do this which leads to being easier targets for recruitment to violence.
Little Mosque on the Prairie opened up the opportunity for other minority focused TV Shows to be made.

How can we view murder as a result of a culture, religious beliefs while other murders are sanitized – dependant on culture? We are not turning the lens towards our own culture. For example we don’t examine sexism in the western cultures because modesty has become demonized due to its role in the Muslim Faith.

Where are the moderate voices? If you ever have a concern about news you hear online – check out snopes.com for information about if the media is accurate or not.

Prayer – Salesi Takau, ministry personnel in Prairie Pine Presbytery led the court in prayer.

Laughter Yoga was again led by Marilyn Fredsberg

Singing was led by the Music Team.

Words from the Moderator

Moderator Jordan Cantwell was introduced by Roland Legge. Jordan spoke about the various Mission and Service (M&S) sponsored global trips that she has been on during her term as Moderator.

She noted the United Church understands itself better through these global relationships which are funded through M&S Funds which as a result are put to work both here in Canada and around the world.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry is often funded through M&S funds/grants. Events, staff, programs get money through the fun and we benefit from this support. The energy, the fervor for Jesus… we let them know that they matter, belong and are loved. We are enriched by their presence. Youth and Young Adults are very present in congregations/conferences where this ministry is made a priority.

She concluded that the support we give to M&S makes a difference in our lives and in the lives of people around the world. When you give, you make a huge difference, and you are working toward changing the world.

Nominations - Elections and Motions

Bev Kostichuk, Convenor of the Nominations Committee, concluded the committee’s report. This is the final report and contains the nominations report in it’s “final” form which is found in the docket on page H1.
Motion 2015-16-10
Bev Kostichuk/Linda Gunningham
That Tricia Gerhard be elected Minute Secretary for
Saskatchewan Conference and its Executive for 2016-17
Carried

Motion 2015-16-111
Bev Kostichuk/Linda Gunningham
That Ian Wallace be named as Auditor for Saskatchewan
Conference for the year 2016-17
Carried

Motion 2015-16-112
Bev Kostichuk/Gayle Wensley
That the following persons, listed on docket pages H1-4 be
named to the positions listed for the Conference year 2016-
2017, as listed with the changes made.
Carried

Motion 2015-16-113
Bev Kostichuk/Bonnie Morton
That the report of the Nominations Committee be adopted.
Carried

Covenanting with the Members of the Conference Executive
President John Haas introduced this action, stating that the covenanting usually
takes place during the Service of Praise and Celebration, but this year is taking
place in the Conference Meeting so that all members of the Executive can take
part and all members of Saskatchewan Conference can serve as witnesses.

While not all of the Presbyteries have made decisions as to who their
representatives will be to the Executive, this convenanting will include all those
who have been elected as part of the Conference Nominations process and
those who have been named by their Presbytery or expect to be named.

President John Haas spoke the following words of Covenant:

President: 
Sisters and Brothers who are members of the
Conference Executive, do you covenant to work
together, in the name of God, to do whatever is
required as you discharge the duties and
responsibilities of the Saskatchewan Conference
Executive?

Executive Members: 
We do so covenant. Thanks and praise to God. Love
and joy to the people of God.

Prayer – Moses Kanhai of Wascana Presbytery led the court in prayer.
Announcements
June Blau came forward to share announcements with the court

Unfinished Business

The Krystal Sheremeta as President Facebook Challenge:
The Facebook page had received 90 likes and raised $705 for M&S. As such, the head table donned Avengers masks, a dance party took place and Krystal received a pie in the face. Fun ensued.

Proposal No. 2
Vicki Obedkoff Introduced the proposal that had come from the floor of the meeting as Proposal No. 2.

Title: GLYPHOSATE HEALTH CONCERN

Originating Body: Saskatchewan Conference
Financial Implications: None
Staffing Implications: Unknown
Source of Funding: Not applicable

That Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada communicate with all pastoral charges and mission units to:

1) provide sources of information about the substance glyphosate (which is sold under various trade names, including *Roundup*): and,

2) raise awareness of the global campaign to stop its usage because of its danger to public health.

And, to communicate this concern to the Government of Saskatchewan through the Saskatchewan Conference Annual Brief.

Background:
We believe that God calls us to partner in care for Creation, and to love our neighbours. We show care for Creation by voicing our concern about the health of our environment and our neighbours suffering from cancers linked to environmental contaminants.

The State of California and other jurisdictions have declared glyphosate a probable carcinogen. A growing number of jurisdictions globally, such as the European Union, are acting to protect the health of their citizens from exposure to glyphosate.

Paragraph 2) was deleted from the Proposal by a “friend amendment” with the agreement of the makers of the Proposal.
Motion 2015-16-114
Vicky Obtencoff/Cindy Bourgeois
That Saskatchewan Conference adopt proposal No. 2.

Defeated

Registration Report
June Blau, Convenor of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, gave the report using information provided by Rose Seifert.

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It was also noted by the court that the information presented contained binary genders and that this needs to be remedied for the next Annual Meeting.

Motion 2015-16-115
Lorna King/Frank Pike
That the Registration Report be received for information

Carried

Courtesies
Kathryn Sarauer and Katie Curtis thanked all of those people associated with the annual meeting.
Closing Motions
Executive Secretary Bill Doyle made the closing motions. He pointed out that the Conference Executive has decided that there will not be an annual meeting in 2017. This is reflected in the budget that was presented to the Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be in 2018 and arrangements to choose the site in Prairie Pine Presbytery for the 2018 Annual Meeting will happen sometime in the next year.

Motion 2015-16-116
Bill Doyle/Fran Ball
That Saskatchewan Conference authorize Conference Executive to appoint a Commission to make decision regarding the approval of candidates for ordained and commissioned ministry in Saskatchewan Conference in the pastoral year 2016-2017; and prepare a Service of Praise and Celebration of Ministries at which time any retirees will be honoured, candidates ordained and commissioned and Designated Lay Ministers recognized.
Carried

Motion 2015-16-117
Bill Doyle/Nancy Pike
That Saskatchewan Conference approve Prairie Pine Presbytery as the meeting place for the 91st General Meeting of Saskatchewan Conference at a place and time to be determined by Conference Executive.
Carried

Motion 2015-16-118
Bill Doyle/Linda Anderson
That the Saskatchewan Conference Executive be empowered to all routine and emergent business which the Conference itself may do, except those things which are, according to the Manual, beyond the power of the Executive.
Carried

Motion 2015-16-119
Bill Doyle/Andrew Hecker
That the minutes of the 90th Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Conference be printed in the Record of Proceedings after being reviewed by the Executive Secretary.
Carried

Worship – Bill Unger led the court in worship

Adjournment
President John Haas declared the meeting adjourned until the Service of Praise and Celebration which is Sunday, June 5, at 10:00 am at Westminster United Church in Regina followed by a reception at 12 noon.
A Benediction was led by the Music Team.

DAY THREE – SESSION THREE
(Saturday, June 6, 6:00 pm)

Celebration of Ministry Dinner
John Haas gave his President’s Address and the retirees were honoured with Hazel Arbon, Sharon Ferguson-Hood, and Donna Wilson speaking; significant anniversaries of ministry were acknowledged as were those entering into new ministries.

DAY FOUR
(Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am)

Service of Praise and Celebration of Ministries
The court, visitors, and guests gathered at Westminster United Church, Regina.

Retirees: During the service, retirees Hazel Arbon, Carole Beal McKenzie, Sharon Ferguson-Hood, Cindy Gossling, Rick McCrorister, Charles McKenzie, Dave Whalley, and Donna Wilson were presented with certificates and thanks for their years of service to the United Church of Canada.

Ordination: Lindsay Michelle Mohn, and Bradley Keith Wudrich were ordained

Recognition: Duane Mohn was recognized as a Designated Lay Minister

Admissions: SunDo Hyun and Kevin Sprong were admitted into Ministry in The United Church of Canada from other denominations.

Preacher: Moderator, the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell

Installation of President: John Haas installed Krystal Sheremeta as President of Conference, presenting her with the cane and stole, symbols of the office of President.

Past President’s Pin: Gayle Wenlsey presented John Haas with the Past-President’s pin.

Closing of the Conference
With the closing of the Service of Praise and Celebration, the 90th Annual Meeting of Saskatchewan Conference was closed until the sitting of the next annual meeting of Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada in Saskatchewan to meet in Prairie Pine Presbytery in 2018.

President, John Haas

Executive Secretary, Bill Doyle

Minute Secretary, Tricia Gerhard