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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada Supports Calvary United Church in Prince Albert in its Celebration of Pride Week and Diversity in the Prince Albert Community**

*If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. 1 Corinthians 12:26*

Saskatchewan Conference of The United Church of Canada held its annual meeting last week when over 300 people from various parts of the province gathered in Saskatoon. Those present at the meeting heard of a recent situation in Prince Albert in relation to the participation of Calvary United Church in Pride Week celebrations. Delegates to the meeting were proud to hear that Calvary United Church was to hold a service of worship on the morning of Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, as part of the celebrations. However, they were dismayed to hear of the denouncing of such participation and the personal attacks upon Calvary United Church and its ministry personnel.

Saskatchewan Conference applauds the congregation of Calvary United Church and its ministry personnel for their actions and supports them in their continued steps to live out our belief that God's love is for all. We believe that it is important for all of us to live out, boldly and faithfully, the love and compassion of the gospel of Jesus as we understand it through celebrating Pride Week and diversity in the Prince Albert Community.

Saskatchewan Conference also prays that the message of God's love for all may be heard in the Prince Albert Community and that the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer community may know that there are churches who will welcome and love them as they are.

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Mission and Service Fund

The United Church of Canada and Saskatchewan Conference have long advocated on behalf of the marginalized and for equality rights for those within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer community. Saskatchewan Conference supports all ministries within the Conference in activities which work for the inclusion of all. The Conference is currently in a process of education and consultation towards itself becoming an affirming ministry which embraces diversity and actively invites all, regardless of age, gender, race, culture, education, ability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender equality to participate in the life of the church.

May God's love for all continue to be a part of God's vision for all of creation.

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