BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, March 30, 2025 (in person & on Zoom)

The Annual General Meeting was held in person and via Zoom at 11:30 pm on Sunday, March 29, 2025. Only those in person have a vote.

Present in Person: Tim Rorabeck, Carolyn Crowell, Andrea McQuillin, Chris Gallant, Mary Lou Gallant, Jan Oakey, Janice Reid, Val Welsh, Heather Carlin, Ben Carlin, Greg Carlin, Michelle Goueffic, Wayne Putnam, Ann MacVicar, Don MacVicar, Kim Wilson, Marlene MacDonald, Brian King, Bernice Marryatt, Bob Marryatt, Keith Barrett, Gordon McEachern, Eric Lang, Mary Belliveau, Bruce McCulloch, Louise Gremley, David Gremley, Robert Hodgson, Connie Graham, Pat LeFort, Cassandra Pynn, Bill Maes, Joyce Riddell, Jennifer Johnson, Ruth Strubank, Jocelyn Tingley, Paul Nauss, Georgia Schurman, Wendy Levo, Nic Fieldsend, Mary Louise Mills, Jill Wilson, Harold Hawkins, Isobel Fleming, Margaret Ashcroft, Heather Dickson, Carol Walker, Marilyn Sceles, Bonnie Dawson, Diane Livingston, Ian Moyes, Bruce Wilson, Greta Wilson, Sandra Nimmo, Andrea Richard, Peter Davison, Mary MacDermid, Sylvia Branton, Patrick Branton, Carolyn Innes, Mike Cox, Cathy Cox, Sue Stewart, Cliff Dahms, Rena Hill, Debbie Ross-Pearce, Terry Choyce, Daniele Hart, Tara Dixon, Karen Parnell, Lidia Thomson, Elijah Mizzi, Jennifer Mizzi, James Mizzi, Steven Chambers, Andrew Stewart, Francene Cosman, Ruby Barrs-Brown, Jean MacLeod, Karen Williams, Nancy Wells, Rachel Robinson, Heather Boucher, Dennis Boucher, Rev. Beth Hayward and Rev. Katie Aven.

Present online: Holly Connor

Regrets: None received.

Worship Service:

The worship service preceding the meeting included a presentation by the Operation Prism committee informing the congregation about their current work on the purpose of BUC (we connect to thrive and uplift - with the pillars of Spirit, Community and Integrity upholding these).

Heather Boudreau gave her testimony that prepared us to understand how much BUC means to people and Rev. Katie mentioned those who had died during her prayers of the community.

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Welcome: Chair of Council, Tim Rorabeck, welcomed people to the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Beth Hayward opening the meeting with prayer.

Opening Remarks: Tim thanked the many people who had assisted over the past year - which was a year of challenges.

Opening Motion: It was moved (Jill Wilson/Andrea McQuillin) and CARRIED

- that Bedford United Church formally constitute the 2024 annual General Meeting of Bedford United Church as open on March 30, 2025
- that Bedford United Church formally adopt the minutes of the AGM held on April 14, 2024 as printed and circulated,
- that Bedford United Church adopt the 2024 Annual Report Booklet as printed and circulated, *apart from the Financial Reports, 2025 Budget and Nominations Report,* which will be considered separately in this agenda.

Financial Statements of 2024: Janice Reid reviewed the actions in 2024 that resulted in a much healthier balance than had been predicted, even though PAR givings went down (see notes in booklet). The Mission & Service givings fell short of the \$60,000. budgeted, being just under \$52,000.

It was moved (Janice Reid/Carol McKnight) and **CARRIED** that the unaudited financial statements as of December 31,2024 be approved.

Budget for 2025: Looking forward, Janice Reid explained that this deficit budget is presented so that BUC can understand this reality. Two areas Income that can be increased are PAR and Fundraising. (The tenant on the fourth floor, who paid a significant amount, has moved to another venue.)

It was moved (Janice Reid/Carol McKnight) and **CARRIED** that the 2025 budget be approved as circulated.

Thank: Tim Rorabeck expressed the thanks of the congregation to Janice Reid, Carol McKnight and our Treasurer, Debbie Pryde for their hard work.

He thanked Sarah McLean and Andrea McQuillin, who are both leaving the BUC Council this year

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Report of the Nominations Ministry Team: Tim Rorabeck presented the Report of the Nominations Ministry Team, which is located on pages 15-19 of the corrected 2024 Annual Report Booklet.

The BUC Council for 2025 is nominated as follows:

Chair of Council

Vice Chair of Council

Past Chair of Council

Four Members at Large

Chris Gallant

VACANT

Tim Rorabeck

Carol McKnight

Roger Seward Cliff Dahms VACANT

Ministry & Personnel Team Lead
Stewardship Team Lead
Communications Team Lead
Jill Wilson
Janice Reid
Jeff King

Property & Administration Team Leads David Hart & David Gremley

Representatives from BUC to Region 15 Sue Reid

(three more can be appointed)

Secretary (non-voting) Carolyn Crowell

Plus one member of Ministerial Staff - ordained

Further nominations were called for three times. When none were received, it was moved (Janice Reid/Andrea McQuillin) and CARRIED that Bedford United Church accept the nominations as circulated and printed in the corrected 2024 Annual Report booklet.

Meeting Next Year: It was moved (Cliff Dahms/Andrea McQuillin) and **CARRIED** that the AGM next year be held on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Closing Motion: Having concluded the business agreed to as the Agenda of this AGM, and with thanks to all who made it possible and to all who attended it was moved (Jill Wilson/Andrea McQuillin) and **CARRIED** that the meeting be closed.

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Tim Rorabeck, Chair of Council

Carolyn Crowell, Secretary