

Meridian Pastoral Charge Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 16, 2025 DRAFT

Present: Jamie Scharf, Georges Cormier, Diane Trudeau, Nancy Langois, Jane Manness, Margaret Porter, Michele Ammeter, Stuart Manness, Rev. James DeBeer and Melanie Stanley.

Regrets: Cathy Beavis

Call to order at 7:04

Rev. James began the meeting with a prayer.

Motion : Georges Cormier moved Michele Ammeter seconded that the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Committee reports

Minister – Rev. James wanted to thank everyone for the 100th service. It was a highlight of his ministry. He appreciated it.

Worship

The MPC Worship Committee held our Annual Mtg on August 26th, 2025 at Sanford United Church. Rev. James and 7 representatives from the 3 churches gathered to review the 2025 - 2026 church year. The meeting opened with Rev. James leading us in prayer.

Our agenda began by looking back over the previous year, which included the joy of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada in June.

Looking ahead:

This years leadership schedule with Rev. James:

Starbuck: every Sunday at 11:30AM

Joint service with the Lutheran congregation the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Avonlea: 9:30AM in person or live stream

11:00AM September 2025 to January 2026 (5 months) - 2nd Sunday of the month, Rev. James in person.

Sanford: 9:30AM in person or live stream

11:00AM February 2026 to June 2026 (5months) - 2nd Sunday of the month, Rev. James in person.

Rev. James offered Lay-led worship material as an option for any church.

Communion:

6 Sundays, corresponding to the changing seasons of the Church Year.
Worldwide/ Thanksgiving, Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost.
These celebrations will take place when we have Rev. James in person.

Worship:

At present, we are in Worship Year C. Advent1 (Nov. 30th), the beginning of the church year will be Worship Year A.

Time Change: Nov 2nd, 2025 and March 8th, 2026

Recovenanting Service - September 14th

Many of the events of Advent and Lent will be decided by individual congregations.

Advent 1: Nov 30th

Blue Christmas Service & ice candles - virtual - Saturday, December 20th

Christmas Eve: Starbuck. 5PM. Rev. James

Sanford ?? Time. Pulpit Supply

Avonlea 7PM. Rev James

December 28th, 2025 - individual church decision to be open

Ministry and Personnel

The Meridian Pastoral Charge (MPC) Ministry & Personnel (M&P) committee members are Judy Cormier, Stuart Manness, Julie Ringash and Michele Ammeter (Chair until Feb 2026). Chair then will rotate to Sanford. The M & P committee held a Zoom meeting, hosted by Rev James, on May 8.

The leadership schedule was the primary agenda item. Rev James will be in Starbuck every week with the exception of the second Sunday each month when Starbuck United joins Trinity Lutheran. On those Sundays Rev James will be in Avonlea at 11:00 am from September through to January. From February to June, he will be in Sanford at 11:00 am. Pulpit supply will be used by Sanford on Christmas Eve.

Should you know of anyone requiring pastoral care please pass the information to James. James can be reached by email, text or phone.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Ammeter

Meridian Interchurch

The meridian interchurch advent service will happen but no official decision has been made on where it will be yet.

Prairie to Pine – No report

A regional meeting is coming up November 10 and 13

Church Reports

Avonlea

Avonlea report to Meridian Pastoral Charge

September 9, 2025

Since Easter, our Avonlea church has been very busy.

On May 8th our gentlemen made a delicious breakfast to celebrate Mother's Day. And flowers for all.

All of us enjoyed the 100th anniversary of the UC on June 8th in Sanford. It was great to work and worship with our sister churches of Sanford & Starbuck.

On June 15th the ladies made pies for Father's Day coffee time.

On June 22nd we had a Sundae Sunday with welcomes for 2 babies, Confirmation for 5 young people and one grade 12 grad recognition.

June 29th was Heritage Sunday at Union Point. (Krispy Crème donuts via Rev James)

July the church was closed.

Services resumed for the 5 Sundays in August with James starting Aug 17.

During August the church yard was "de-bushed" somewhat, the interior of the church underwent an annual cleaning, and a new fridge was purchased for the basement

As September arrives, meetings and new beginnings await.

God's blessings.

Janice Harrison

Sanford

Sanford United Church Report 2025-09-16 Meeting of Official Board for Meridian Pastoral Charge

As we resume services after our usual summer break, we look forward to another fulfilling year of life and work in the community of Sanford. We were very pleased to be able to host the special service for the 100th Anniversary of the United Church on June 8 in our building. We had the whole pastoral charge attend service with us and also lots of previous attendees coming back to say hello. It was truly inspiring to see us come together as a pastoral charge to make that service special. We had great participation in the planning from all points.

This year our building will be less busy as the local piano teacher who had been teaching lessons out of our building has retired. We're sad to see Sanford lose that service but otherwise this will have little impact on how we continue as a church.

Planning is underway for our regular community projects and the first one to have a confirmed date is our Annual craft sale on November 29th.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Scharf

Starbuck- No report

**A motion to accept the minutes was made by Michele Ammeter, seconded
Georges Cormier.**

Carried

Treasurers Report

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED 2025	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
ALLOCATIONS	61650	\$88200.00	-26550	
INTEREST	\$3937.50	\$3000.00	937.5	
M&S/WD		\$7000.00	-7000	
S/H DIVIDEND		\$13.44	\$25.32	
OTHER	<u>\$15000.00</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>	14775	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	80587.5	98438.44	-17850.94	
DISBURSEMENT				
PAYROLL JAMES	\$67952.34	\$100868.00	-32915.66	
PAYROLL OTHER		762	-762	254x3
UCC ASSESS	\$4715.00	\$4715.00	0	
M&S/WD		\$7000.00	-7000	
SERVICE SUPPLY	\$238.01	\$300.00	-61.99	i.e. Palms, etc
MILE EXP JAMES	\$2494.80	\$5000.00	-2505.2	

REVENUE	ACTUAL	PROJECTED 2025	DIFFERENCE	NOTES
TRAVEL OTHER		\$300.00	-300	Travel Min.& meetings
MISC		\$500.00	-500	Min Appr, etc
OFFICE SUPPLY	\$487.09	\$700.00	-212.91	
WEB DOMAIN		\$136.50	-136.5	
MEETINGS		\$500.00	-500	PtoP, etc
CAPITAL		\$500.00	-500	
BANKING FEES	\$8.00	\$20.00	-12	
<u>SUNDAY SCH</u>		<u>\$300.00</u>	-300	
TOT DISB	75895.24	121601.5	-45706.26	
REC/DISB	4692.26	-23163.06	27855.32	

NOTES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

FOR THE REGULAR MPC ACCOUNTING

Receipts

- Allocations - The proposed budget had allocations from each church as \$2450 per month. The allocation amount has been increased to \$2,600 per church. Some churches started paying the new rate as at January 1st while others started paying after their board approved the increase.
- Other consists of:
 - 1) \$10,000 transfer from the Manse term deposit.

- 2) \$5,000 from Sanford United Church as a repayment to MPC for funds advanced to them years ago when they were in financial difficulty

Disbursements

- Service Supply - palms etc
- Office supplies consists of:
 - 1) Zoom Platform of 240.69
 - 2) Annual Gathering Magazine of \$84.00
 - 3) Microsoft Office of \$162.60

FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY ACCOUNTING

Receipts

- Donations of \$490 consists of cheques given for the anniversary expenses .
- Silver collection collected during lunch was for the anniversary expenses
- M&S & 1Justcity were \$ received during the service.

Disbursements

- Food - \$1000 to the Hutterites for the meal, \$98.90 for Iced tea, coffee, condiments, \$71.24 for cake, potato salad, coleslaw, \$59.04 for ice cream, etc.
- Other - 78.65 for plates napkins, etc
- Donations of \$781 to 1Justcity is half of the \$1562 in receipts while the other half will be going to M&S.

REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT	NOTES
UCC GRANT	\$600.00	
BUSINESS SPONSORS	\$350.00	
DONATIONS	\$490.00	
SIVER COLLECTION	\$600.00	

REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT	NOTES
M7S & 1JUSTCITY	\$1562.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3602	
DISBURSEMENT		
FOOD	\$1228.18	
TOILET	\$225.75	254x3
BANK CHARGES	\$7.00	
OTHER	\$78.65	
DONATIONS	\$781.00	i.e. Palms, etc
TOT DISB	2320.58	
REC/DISB	1281.42	\$781 will go to M&S leaving a profit of \$500.42
JANUARY 1, 2025 BANK BALANCE	\$14803.73	
ADD REGULAR RECEIPTS	\$80587.50	
ADD RECEIPTS FROM A 100 ANNIVERSARY	\$3602.00	
LESS REGULAR DISBURSEMENT	\$75895.24	
LESS DISBURSEMENTS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY	\$2320.58	
Add transfer from Manse term deposit	\$10000.00	
BANK BALANCE	30777.41	

REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT	NOTES

Motion: Georges Cormier moved, Michele Ammeter seconded that the report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Old Business

Correspondence –

- Leslie Harrison sent us a lovely letter sharing her thanks and greetings and blessings to all.
- St. Andrews sent a letter asking us to dedicate a letter to vocation Sunday.

New Business

- **Sunday May 24** has been suggested as a joint service with all 3 charges to celebrate 101 years. Potluck after church.
- **Rev. James** is assembling information for the Aging Well Living Well day in Oak Bluff. Nancy has tickets available for the day. Only \$15 for the day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 moved by Diane Trudeau.

Next meeting will be Nov. 18 Zoom

Secretary for September 25, 2025 Melanie Stanley