



# Ralph Connor Memorial United Church

## 2021 Annual Report



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- to nurture the spiritual exploration and growth of all our members and adherents;
- to be an intentionally inviting Christian community that seeks, welcomes and embraces new members;
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**Prepared for the Ralph Connor Memorial United Church  
Annual General Meeting, January 30, 2022**

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## AGENDA

- In attendance - Zoom will provide a list of participants. If you are using your telephone instead of Zoom, you will be asked to identify yourself before the start of the meeting.
- Call to order and quorum count
- **MOTION** to approve the agenda as circulated
- Opening Prayer - Rev. Greg Wooley
- Passages
- **MOTION** Appointment of the Chair of the Meeting
- **MOTION** Appointment of the Secretary of the Meeting
- **MOTION** to allow all in attendance to vote
- **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
- Business arising from the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
- **MOTION** to amend the Administrative Structure of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church as approved at the Annual Meeting, February 5, 2006 and amended thereafter from time to time.

*BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrative Structure of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church be amended and confirmed as follows:*

*1. The Council position of Co-ordinator of Christian Education shall be renamed Co-ordinator of Spiritual Exploration and whose mandate shall continue to include education of adult, youth and children.*

- **MOTION** to receive written and oral reports of Council, Standing Committees and their sub-committees:
  - Council Chair
    - Emergency Preparedness
  - Minister
  - Ministry and Personnel
    - Bow Valley Wedding Ministry
  - Worship
    - Evensong
    - Music
  - Pastoral Care
    - Alpine Threshold Choir
    - Benevolent
    - Healing Pathway
    - Prayer Shawl Ministry
  - Ralph Connor Memorial/Rundle Memorial
  - Stewardship
    - Pledgefest
- Spiritual Explorations
  - Faith@Home kits
- Outreach
  - Affirming Ministry
  - Bow Valley Refugee Project
  - CYAN - Canmore Young Adult Network/FoCYAN
  - Community Food and Friends
  - Green Exodus

- High Strung Ukulele
- Property
  - Faithful Footprints
  - Green Initiatives
- Building and Heritage
  - Accessibility
- Board of Trustees
- Wider Church
  - National Church
  - Region 3 - Chinook Winds
  - Living Into Right Relations

## Financial Reports

- **MOTION** to acknowledge the receipt of the 2021 financial reports
- **MOTION** to approve the 2022 budget
- **MOTION** to appoint Baker Tilly as the Finance Review Agent
- **MOTION** to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 financial reports of the Bow Valley Refugee Project
- **MOTION** to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 financial reports of the Friends of CYAN (Canmore Yong Adult Network)

## Memorial Wish List

- **MOTION** that the 2022 Memorial Wish List shall consist of:
  - Replacement Lights for the sanctuary.
  - New Door between the sanctuary and Gordon Hall
  - Additional “More Voices” hymnals with plastic covers.
  - A new coffee table.

## Candidates for Council and Chairs of Standing Committees:

The following have agreed to serve on the RCMUC Council for the 2022 year:

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| • Chair                          | Ian Schofield                                       |
| • Vice-Chair                     | Paul Elfner   |
| • Secretary                      | Ruben Nelson  |
| • Treasurer                      | Mona McIntyre                                       |
| • Ministry and Personnel         | Joy McMann  |
| • Worship                        | Janis Dougall                                       |
| • Pastoral Care                  | Dawn McPherson RCMUC; Ruby Fisher, RMUC             |
| • Stewardship                    | Rick Anderson                                       |
| • Spiritual Explorations         | Isabelle Ramsay                                     |
| • Outreach                       | Karen Fraser  |
| • Property                       | <vacant>  |
| • Building/Heritage              | Ian Schofield/Paul Elfner                           |
| • Church History                 | Karen Fraser  |
| • Board of Trustees              | (to be elected by the Trustees at Feb 2022 meeting) |
| • Wider Church                   | Mary Shearer/Dave Somerville                        |
| • Representatives Chinook Region | Mary Shearer/Dave Somerville                        |
| • Member at Large                | Cathy Harrop  |

**MOTION** to elect this slate of Candidates to the RCMUC Council for the 2022 year.

## List of Sub-committees and Chairs existing at the time of the Annual Meeting

The following are the Sub-committees and the respective Chairs/Co-chairs and Standing Committee under which they operate:

- Accessibility Project -- Paul Elfner -- Property
  - BVRP -- Karen Fraser -- Outreach
  - Evensong -- Jan Tissander -- Worship
  - FoCYAN -- Joy McMann/Ruben Nelson -- Outreach
  - Affirming Ministry -- Vacant -- Outreach
  - Alpine Threshold Choir -- Jan Tissander--- Outreach
  - Living Into Right Relations -- Mary Shearer -- Outreach
  - High Strung Ukulele -- Donna and March Kennedy -- Outreach
  - Healing Pathways -- Sue Nichols/Vicky Connoy/Val Goodrow -- Pastoral Care
  - Prayer Shawl -- Jeanette Aishford/Mona McIntyre -- Pastoral Care
  - Pledgefest -- Faye Forbes-Anderson, Carol Rowe, Mona McIntyre -- Stewardship
- **MOTION** to accept the resignation of John Cranston as a member of the Board of Trustees and its Chair:  
*“That the congregation accept the resignation of John Cranston as a Trustee of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, effective this date.”*
  - **MOTION:** to appoint new members to the Board of Trustees:  
*“That the congregation appoint Gus Campbell, Rick Hester, and John Thorburn as Trustees of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, effective this date.”*  
Note: Continuing Trustees: Barb Profitt, Carole Rowe, Jim Ridley, Randy Nichols.
  - New Business
  - Closing Prayer

**Motion to Adjourn**

# MINUTES 2020” ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Ralph Connor Memorial United Church Held on Sunday, January 31, 2021

Ralph Connor Memorial United Church's Mission as a Church Community is:  
to nurture the spiritual exploration and growth of all our members and adherents;  
to be an intentionally inviting Christian community that seeks, welcomes and embraces new members;  
to reach out and become an agent for social justice in our neighbourhood and in the global community.

**In Attendance:** The attendance list recorded by Zoom. (attached)

**Call to order:** 11:08 AM

**Acceptance of agenda:** Moved Mona McIntyre Seconded Terry Tuepah  
Motion to accept the agenda as circulated. **Approved**

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Greg Wooley opened with a prayer, as we gathered as a dispersed group of faith. We honour the lives of Marj & Bob Hughes, George Dancer, Jean Elliott, Vera Protz, Jean Clipperton, Don Knight, and Dallas Maynard. We remember those who died this month, Bob Smith, Helen Emery, and Dave Waugh. Prayers were offered for the challenges of 2020, hopes for inclusion and welcome in 2021 as we walk a shared journey with Rundle Memorial UC in Banff, and for our community of faith and others who are having AGMs on this day.

**Passages:** Contained in prayer above.

**Appointment of Chair of the Meeting:** Moved Isabelle Ramsay Seconded Mona McIntyre **Motion to appoint Ian Schofield as Chair for this meeting. Approved**

**Appointment of Secretary:** Moved Barb Tuepah Seconded Donna Kennedy **Motion to appoint Trish Campney as Secretary for this meeting. Approved**

**To allow adherents to vote:** Moved Cathy Harrop Seconded John Thorburn  
Motion to allow all present to vote on financial and administrative motions at this meeting. **Approved**

**Approval of previous minutes:** Moved Rick Anderson Seconded Joy McMann  
Motion to approve the minutes of the “2019 Annual General Meeting” held January 26, 2019. **Approved**

**Business arising from minutes:**  
Business arising from the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

- **MOTION** to amend Administrative Structure of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church as approved at Annual Meeting, February 5, 2006 and amended thereafter from time to time.

**“BE IT RESOLVED** that the Administrative Structure of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church be amended and confirmed as follows:

1. Any reference to Presbytery or Conference be deleted and replaced with Region;
2. The Council position of Co-ordinator of Church School shall be renamed Co-ordinator of Christian Education whose mandate shall include education of adults, youth and children;
3. The Standing Committees of Long Range Planning and Building and Heritage shall be merged under the name of Building and Heritage whose mandate shall include the visioning and any resulting renovation and redevelopment of the Church property;
4. The standing Committee of Pastoral shall be named the Standing Committee of Pastoral Care.
5. The Council position of Church Historian shall be reconstituted as the Standing Committee of Church History.
6. The membership of Church council shall be: the Minister (ex officio), Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, The Chair or designate of the Board of Trustees, The Representative(s) to Region and Co-ordinator of Christian Education and the Chair of Standing Committees;
7. The following Standing Committees are confirmed Ministry and Personnel, Outreach, Pastoral Care, Property, Stewardship, Worship and Fellowship, Christian Education, Church History, Emergency Planning Team
8. From time to time Council upon recommendation of the Chairs of the Standing Committees may form Sub-Committees to better fulfill their mandates. The Sub-Committees shall report to the Council through the Chair of their respective Outreach or Standing Committee.

**MOTION: to amend Administrative Structure of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church.**

Moved Ian Schofield    Seconded Alexine Murray

**Carried**

### **Reports:**

#### **Council Chair**

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Nothing further to add.

#### **Minister**

Page 23

Rev Greg highlighted overall sense of gratitude, as one who has remained gainfully employed while many did not retain employment during the pandemic. Thanks were offered for the work of M&P through 2020 Pandemic challenges. Rev Greg confident of solid connection with everyone, especially Pastoral Care responding to by Barb, Marilese and Care Contacts. The online participants appreciate the technical skills of Minister. Congregation extremely fortunate to have Rev. Greg at the helm.

#### **Ministry & Personnel**

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Go on record to give our thanks to Rick Hester for his committee participation and welcome Alexine. Thanks to all staff for adjusting to changing times. Thank you to Tanya, how moving it was to hear you sing your first Sunday back and each following Sunday worships.

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### **Property Committee** Page 26

Terry highlighted omission - door 'vacancy' hardware installed on both washrooms, which are now single-user, and are no longer "gender specific". The Sanctuary floor looks awesome, particularly without the pews.

### **Building and Heritage Committee** Page 27

Ian submitted a "reimagining" report, and will set out project once we move out of COVID. Stay tuned.

### **Board of Trustees** Page 30

Note the portfolio returned 8.9%, 2020 not a normal year. Reasonably happy with the way things ended up.

### **Wider Church** Page 33

Dave Somerville confirmed report was well laid out as submitted by Mary Shearer.

### **Stewardship** Page 36

Thank you to the 67 families who sent in pledges. Thank you for all committee contributions that kept on working. Encourage everyone to fill vacant committee roles

### **Worship Committee** Page 38

Isabelle reported interesting year and again fortunate to have Rev Greg's talents and time. On hold, no plans dependent on outdoor restrictions. Ruben thanked all involved for ongoing consistent online worship services - extraordinary.

### **Music** Page 40

Subcommittee of worship, see below.

### **Pastoral Care** Page 42

Thank you to both Marilese MacDonell and Barb Profitt for yeomen service / extraordinary Care Contact during this past year. Huge thank you to all who stepped up keeping in touch. Bless you Rev Greg. Big shoes to fill, another difficult year ahead.

### **Christian Education - Children's Church** Page 44

Faith-At-Home (from United Church Pacific Mountain Region) is a really good idea found by Rev Greg.

### **Outreach Subcommittees** Page 45

Help you realize your passion to a wider community. Jeff Campney and Mary Shearer to reach out to Outreach Ministries to support their work, with hopes of helping seniors to stay in touch and partner with others in community engaging seniors in technology.

Broadview subscriptions still in process, a few new and few less subscribers. Barb Profitt asked that someone take on role of Broadview Subscriptions, Christian Education may be tasked with role of processing group subscriptions.

**Motion re Standing Committee reports:** Moved Rick Anderson Seconded Terry Tuepah to accept the work represented by these reports. **Approved**

### **Music** Page 40

Tanya thanked for getting us through the Christmas Season. There are such musical gifts in this congregation!

### **Evensong** Page 34

Subcommittee of Worship. Thank you to Jan Tissandier and leaders of Evensong. Ruben asked if



weekly service could be recorded, others requested alternate technology recordings other than Zoom.

### **Living into Right Relations** Page 45

Rev. Greg asked Mona how much came in for the Morley Christmas, total collected \$3000, total from all churches \$10,000. Many thanks to Mary Shearer for leading projects locally and regionally.

### **Affirming Ministry** Page 46

Look forward to working with Banff Rundle Memorial United Church.

### **Alpine Voices Threshold Choir** Page 48

Rev. Greg reported that Jan hosts the leadership of this group and thanked the benefits of this invaluable outreach. Continuing with biweekly Zoom with chants by Jan. Note: Val Goodrow is not a member of this, so her name is listed erroneously as co-leader.

### **Benevolent Fund** Page 48

Substantial assistance once a year, and no “repeat customers” - we discourage building these funds as part of their budget. Improved focus, and allowed us to respond quickly to the COVID needs at Morley.

### **Canmore Food and Friends** Page 49

Report as submitted.

### **Healing Pathways** Page 49

Isabelle reported holding prayers on a regular basis by Zoom, currently Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Thanks to Val Goodrow for initiating and leading this.

### **High Strung Ukulele Group** Page 50

Have been having weekly Zoom gatherings of 40-50 participants. No Exshaw connection at this time.

### **Prayer Shawl** Page 51

Report as submitted.

### **Bow Valley Refugee Committee** Page 52

Incredibly grateful to RCMUC, the Kahkejian family - Sevan, Leon, Lily and parents Sarkis and Ekhlās are moving to Drumheller. They'll be building a greenhouse for Ekhlās and mechanics set up in garage for Sarkis. Wonderful project and more applications in process. Thanks for donation from Crossway, will be asking for more funds and fundraising projects. Farewell notes/cards to forward to church mailbox before end of February. Karen thanked Joy & Cam McMann amazing for all that they do. Anto, Rema, Tia, Sophia, and Dana & Wail still in Canmore. Drop by Save-On Bakery to say hello to Anto who will miss the family relocating to Drumheller.

### **CYAN - Canmore Young Adult Network** Page 55

Thank you to Ruben for valiantly co-chairing, invitation to anyone that is interested in helping you are welcome to join. Outlined in report some of the challenges. Congratulations to Tara for new job with Banff YWCA. CYAN looking to explore replacement by short-term Executive Director. Ruben reiterated CYAN leadership are giving everything they have got, Caylee and Stewart. John Thorburn reminded us of how we started at a previous AGM when Marj Hughes recommended generating something for the young adults. Rev Greg admired how quick adjustments were met at the beginning and throughout the Pandemic.

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Budget Page 61 - Five month budget so that they can proceed, then full year dependent on grants/funds. To update Council at month four (April 2021).

### **Emergency Preparedness**

New 2020 committee - No written report

Things are still on hold, no reopenings for at least 6-8 weeks.

### **Green Initiatives**

New 2020 committee - No written report

(UCC Faithful Footprints, Bow Valley Green Energy Co-operative, Bow Valley Climate Action)

Ian Schofield reported on Faithful Footprints. There are some energy-conserving “low hanging fruit” that we can be working on - we have made application with Property Audit, itemizing task to be done. Program puts up 2/3 of funds, 1/3 RCMUC. Labour by Property Committee can be included. We can double dip by making alternate grant applications.

Terry addressed Solar panels on the roof above Gordon Hall with BV Green Energy Co-operative initiative to introduce solar energy - 3 month window - Zoom summary invitation to congregants once approval committed.

Bow Valley Climate Action - Isabelle reported that covid halted work.

Green Exodus 4-5:30 greenexodus.ca website built by Sony for this project started by Sarah Arthurs. Next meeting Friday, covered Page 29 in last week's RM Outlook.

Sim thanked Trish for all that she does.

**Motion re SubCommittee reports:** Moved Joan VonEngelbrechten Seconded Bob MacDonnell to accept these reports and give thanks for the work represented by them.  
Approved

## **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **Financial Reports**

Pages 63-68

Treasurer Mona McIntyre presented statements, entertained questions. Thank you for the ICD directory. Tax receipts in progress first week of February. CEBA funds of \$20,000 unexpected win that does not have to be paid back, the balance of \$40,000 from CEBA due December 2021. Maximum Covid expenses refund anticipated of \$5000 from Government of Alberta.

**Motion for financial reports:** Moved Rick Anderson Seconded Joy McMann  
to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 financial reports. Approved

**Motion to approve budget:** Moved Terry Tuepah Seconded Alexine Murray to approve the 2021 budget. Approved

**Motion for Finance Review Agent:** Moved Mona McIntyre Seconded Dave Somerville to appoint Baker Tilly as the Finance Review Agent. Approved

**MOTION to acknowledge the receipt of the 2020 financial reports of the Bow Valley Refugee Project:** Moved Joy McMann Seconded Alexine Murray Approved

**MOTION to acknowledge receipt of the 2020 financial reports of Friends of CYAN - Canmore Young Adult Network:** Moved Ruben Nelson Seconded Alexine Murray Approved

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**MOTION to approve 5-month 2021 budget of CYAN-Canmore**

Moved Rick Anderson

Seconded Alexine Murray

**Approved**

### Memorial Wish List

**MOTION that the Memorial Wish List for 2021 shall consist of:**

Replacement hymnals

Replacement of ceiling lights in Sanctuary

Replacement of south door between Sanctuary and Gordon Hall

Purchase and installation of hanging mike(s) in Sanctuary

Motion for Memorial Fund Wish List: Moved Terry Tuepah

Seconded

Karen

Fraser to approve the Memorial Fund Wish List

**Approved**

### New Business:

#### Candidates for Council and Committee Chair:

**The following have agreed to serve on the RCMUC Council for 2021-22:**

- **Chair:** Ian Schofield
- **Vice-Chair:** Paul Elfner
- **Secretary:** Ruben Nelson
- **Treasurer:** Mona McIntyre
- **Board of Trustees:** John Cranston
- **Christian Education:** Vacant
- **Building/Heritage:** Ian Schofield / Paul Elfner
- **Ministry & Personnel:** Joy McMann
- **Pastoral Care:** Vacant
- **Property:** Terry Tuepah
- **Worship:** Janis Dougall/Isabelle Ramsay
- **Stewardship:** Rick Anderson
- **Representative to Chinook Region:** Mary Shearer / Dave Somerville (Wider Church)
- **Outreach:** Mary Shearer / Jeff Campney
- **Church History:** Karen Fraser
- **Members at Large:** Cathy Harrop, Don Snedrud

**Motion to elect slate of candidates for Council for the 2021 church year:**

Moved Faye Forbes-Anderson

Seconded

Alexine Murray

**Approved**

#### Outreach Committee:

- **Affirming Ministry:** Vacant
- **Alpine Voices Threshold Choir:** Jan Tissandier
- **Benevolent Fund:** (staff)
- **Bow Valley Refugee Project:** Karen Fraser
- **Canmore Food & Friends:** Judy Vincent
- **Children's Church:** Joan Von Engelbrechten
- **Christian Education:** Vacant
- **FoCYAN (Friends of CYAN):** Joy McMann / Ruben Nelson

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- Green Initiatives: Isabelle Ramsay (or Property)
- Healing Pathway: Sue Nichols / Vicky Connoy
- High Strung Ukulele Group: Donna & Marshall Kennedy
- Living Into Right Relations: Mary Shearer
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Jeanette Aishford / Mona McIntyre
- Pledgefest / Stewardship: Faye Forbes-Anderson, Carol Rowe, Mona McIntyre

**Motion to confirm Board of Trustees:** Moved Rick Anderson      Seconded      John Thorburn  
John Cranston, Barb Profitt, Carole Rowe, Jim Ridley & Randy Nicholls.  
Approved

### Further business:

Growing and changing relationship with Banff Rundle Memorial United Church. Congregation has dwindled to about 25, and eight or so worship together. Rundle formally requested that we absorb them, including assets. So far Council and Trustees have “formally received” this letter, and we have set up steering committee. The Steering committee has reached out to Chinook Winds.

There are two very separate pieces of work here: #1 receiving the 25 members to welcome them on a personal level; #2 months or years to deal with property/program assets. It is further complicated by the knowledge that their 1978 Lease was signed with Parks Canada by the General Secretary of the United Church of Canada, rather than local signatories. We keep working on #2, making sure it does not get in the way of #1; today is the last online worship for Rundle. Finances will currently be managed separately. John Cranston reported it could take up to 6 years to complete amalgamation. He described six steps: welcome members, physical property, thrift shop, rental playschool, refugee application, manse rental; noted that it is illegal to sign lease for more than 21 years, which may have led to a 42 year lease being signed at a national level. Original lease 1935 was signed by Stewards of Rundle Memorial, and renewed by UCC.

Currently John Cranston, Dave Somerville, Karen Fraser, Ian Schofield and Greg Wooley serving on steering committee. Do not wish to have stand off with Region or Town of Banff. Dale Stanway may be asked to participate on Steering Committee.

Ruben asked if red flags, lease renewal came up in 2020 to be addressed.

Donna Kennedy indicated Worship to start by inviting members to Sunday worship - recommended Alan Buckingham to lead up Christian Education, and other committees to welcome Rundle participation applying interest and talents. Welcome to RCMUC community of faith.

**Closing Prayer:** Greg closed with a prayer from Ephesians - **Glory to God**, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us. Amen

**Adjournment:** Donna Kennedy 1:27 PM      Carried.

## 2021 Annual General Meeting

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### 2020 AGM Attendance - Sunday, January 31, 2021

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Greg Wooley             | 26. Terry Tuepah         |
| 2. Donna Kennedy           | 27. Barb Tuepah          |
| 3. Marshall Kennedy        | 28. Eric McAvity         |
| 4. Ann Thorburn            | 29. Judith Maxwell       |
| 5. John Thorburn           | 30. Joyce Chilcott       |
| 6. Barb Profitt            | 31. Nancy Whitham        |
| 7. Mona McIntyre           | 32. Gord Whitham         |
| 8. Ian Schofield           | 33. Lyle Bradley         |
| 9. Karen Fraser            | 34. Elaine Bradley       |
| 10. John Cranston          | 35. Dawn McPherson       |
| 11. Vicky Connoy           | 36. Marilyn Foxford      |
| 12. Femmeke Holthuis       | 37. Paul Elfner          |
| 13. Alexine Murray         | 38. Cathy Harrop         |
| 14. Joan Lawton            | 39. Jim Ridley           |
| 15. Marilese MacDonell     | 40. Rick Anderson        |
| 16. Bob MacDonell          | 41. Faye Forbes-Anderson |
| 17. Trish Campney          | 42. Heather Snoddy       |
| 18. Sandy McCaig           | 43. John Snoddy          |
| 19. Dave Somerville        | 44. Joy McMann           |
| 20. Jeff Campney           | 45. Cam McMann           |
| 21. Simcha Gascoyne        | 46. Marg Suurallik       |
| 22. Ruben Nelson           | 47. Irma Herrera         |
| 23. Gus Campbell           | 48. Tanya Sullivan       |
| 24. Joan Von Engelbrechten | 49. Rod Sullivan         |
| 25. Diane Travers          |                          |

### 2021 PASSAGES

#### At Ralph Connor

- 1 Baptism

Cameron Donna, daughter of Reid Cordelle and Natalie Wood-Cordelle

- 3 New Members, received by Transfer

Dawn and Jim McPherson

Ron Ulrich

- Weddings

0 at RCMUC

6 off-site

Jane Kenny & Collin Hickey

Navneet Khinda & Erik Queenan

Monica Simpson & Robert Guzzwell

Evan Stratichuck and Kayla Dzogolyk

Rajinder Singh & Jan McDonnell

Jordan Petruch & James Guimond

- 3 Funerals/Graveside services

Jean Clipperton

Jean Slaght

Marjorie Lewis

We also mourn the passing of RCMUC adherents Bob Smith and Helen Emery.

#### At Rundle Memorial

- 1 Baptism (at Millennium Park, Canmore)

Theodore Joseph, son of Shane Nizinkevich and Andrew Oosting

- 4 Weddings

3 at Rundle

Jerry Henderson & Grace Kusuma

Gina Van Haren and Tyler Guild

Deb Sarac and Vince Fontayne

1 off-site

Karin King & Tim Ceci

- 1 Funeral

Howie Goon



**Plaque & Memorial Winnipeg Headstones**



**Sep 26 2021 - Outdoor Baptism**



### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR 2021

#### RALPH CONNOR MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL

Pivot is defined as the action of turning around a point. The word has been used repeatedly throughout this Covid pandemic. But it is an apt word when describing the Year 2021 for Ralph Connor Memorial United Church. In basketball, the **pivot foot** is the foot that remains in contact with the floor while a player controls the ball while stopped. For many of us, this community of faith has been our pivot foot, allowing us to twist and turn while firmly anchored in place as we faced the continual winds of Covid. Collectively, we moved around Covid, scoring on so many fronts.

I first want to express my thanks to all members of our team who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to provide our faith community and the broader Bow Valley community with a full schedule of support, activities, projects, and initiatives throughout the year. Where do I begin?

##### Property

Realizing that Covid prevented full use of our Sanctuary and Gordon Hall, the Property and Maintenance Committee (aka The Property Guys) accelerated its maintenance and greening initiatives to take advantage of the quiet. The Property Guys identified the “low hanging fruit” regarding energy-saving projects such as conversion to solar outdoor lights, Energuide appliances, LED lighting throughout, and insulating ductwork in the crawl space beneath the Sanctuary and got these projects done! Additionally, the Sanctuary was painted, and the wood flooring was restored. We are very grateful to the talented, skillful, and hard-working Property Guys and also appreciate the work of the Green Initiative group for their ideas and participation.

We are thankful that many outside organizations supported us financially in these endeavors. The Faithful Footprints program of the United Church of Canada contributed 2/3 of the cost of our greening initiatives. We participated with Bow Valley Green Energy Cooperative and installed 30 solar panels on the roof of Gordon Hall. We also appreciate the incentive grants from the Town of Canmore and the Alberta government. There will be significant energy savings both financially and through lower gas emissions.

But, we are not finished. Thanks to the admirable and tireless work of the Building Committee, the Federal Government has made a substantial (\$100,000.00) grant to help us make Gordon Hall and the Sanctuary more accessible in 2022/23! Please see the *Business and Heritage Committee - Accessibility* report for details.

##### Worship Committee

The ultimate pivoters were the resourceful Worship Committee. Whether by Zoom, by YouTube, at the ball diamond, or in Rundle Memorial United Church in Banff, the Worship Committee and our ever adaptable Minister and Evensong's leadership offered us a full schedule of Worship and Fellowship. Particularly inventive was our Music Ministry. The variety of music offerings was fresh and inspiring. We are very grateful to all.

##### Amalgamation

Early in 2021, RCMUC was approached by the Congregation of Rundle Memorial United Church in Banff with an amalgamation proposal. Like so many Christian congregations across Canada, there were not enough congregants at Rundle United to sustain the Church and its missions. While the process of amalgamation is being reviewed and considered, we welcomed Rundle to share worship and Church life and have been delighted by their participation and insights. In the summer, we jointly worshipped



at outdoor services in Canmore. We joined Rundle for in-person worship this autumn. Members of RCMUC have volunteered at the Thrift Store at Rundle. A joint committee of Ralph Connor and Rundle Memorial met to consider the next steps. Now a joint financial planning team is working on a Sustainability Plan to allow us to share worship and Church life with the folks at Rundle and to continue and broaden the mission work of Rundle while maintaining the two campuses. Our thanks to all. We expect that the Congregation will be asked to consider and vote on the question of amalgamation in 2022.

### Wedding Ministry

Another Bow Valley-wide initiative was our Wedding Ministry headed by Shannon Mang as Minister and assisted by Aurora Borin. This hard-working Ministry has already performed a record number of weddings and will fill the need of both locals and those wanting a mountain destination wedding with a Christian service.

### Bow Valley Refugee Project

The Bow Valley Refugee Project is a mission of RCMUC. The resourceful BVRP has settled eight (8) Syrian Refugees to date. BVRP is sponsoring Ahmad Ali, also from Syria and presently in Malaysia, and anxiously awaits his arrival. Rundle is sponsoring the Imran family of four (4) through its "The World is Our Neighbour" mission. BVRP is partnering with TWON to prepare for their arrival, hopefully in 2022. Also, without hesitation, BVRP has reached out with an offer to settle an Afghani refugee.

### Canmore Young Adults Network - CYAN

CYAN has been touted as a model for outreach to young adult communities. The revitalized Board of CYAN, the Canmore Young Adults Network, thanked us recently for our unwavering support as they struggled to provide programming to young adults and obtain funding from external agencies. We thank the Friends of CYAN for their mentoring of the CYAN leadership team.

### Spiritual Explorations

Spiritual Explorations is the new name for the Christian Education Committee. The Committee wants to provide a variety of programming to deepen our understanding of our Christian faith and explore other faiths and indigenous spirituality. Programing will be offered within our community of faith and also designed to reach out to include the wider community. We are now delivering instructional materials directly to families so they can explore our faith together in their own homes. Our thanks to all.

### Living Into Right Relations and Wider Church Community

We are steadily taking steps towards reconciliation with our Stoney Nakoda neighbours and the First Nations and Metis with whom we share the Bow Valley. We are listening, learning, and responding. We thank the Living into Right Relations Committee for the excellent work done to educate RCMUC and the larger community, including such important activities as having an information booth in the church courtyard every Sunday in September, creative and noticeable outdoor educational displays throughout the year (e.g., Red Dress, Every Child Matters, Orange Shirt Day, childrens' shoes), and reacting to the indigenous perspective in the proposed New Alberta School Curriculum. We also appreciate those who are reaching out to us.

Additionally, we appreciate the work of the Wider Church Community and the admirable work of our representatives.

### Outreach and Pastoral Care

Covid did not prevent us from caring and doing the excellent work of our Church. Thankfully we are blessed with active, creative, capable people who continue to work hard and have found safe and

innovative ways to continue our missions through our Outreach and Pastoral Care Committees and their projects. These include (but are not limited to) the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prayer Circles, Tuesday at Two, Healing Pathways, Canmore Food and Friends, the Benevolent Fund, High Strung Ukulele, Threshold Choir, Alpine Voices, Bow Valley Refugee Project, Canmore Young Adult Network (CYAN), Affirming Ministry, and Living in Right Relations. We are most grateful.

### Affirming Congregations

Both Rundle and RCMUC are affirming congregations. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community through our outlook, actions, and specific programming. We work to make the Bow Valley a place where all of its citizens feel safe, respected, and comfortable in being themselves and expressing all aspects of their identities.

### Stewardship and Trustees

RCMUC is financially solid. The Stewardship Committee led a very successful Pledgefest campaign this autumn. The Trustees adeptly handled our investment funds! Thanks to both committees, we can look to the future on a very positive note. We are very grateful. I also wish to give special thanks to retiring Trustee Chair John Cranston, who has contributed so much to Ralph Connor through his many years of incredible work as a Trustee and as a wise and thoughtful active participant in our Church. He will always be a cherished member of Ralph Connor.

### Church Council

We have been blessed by a Church Council who individually and collectively worked so very hard throughout the year. These leaders developed teams who likewise stepped up and did the work. On behalf of the Congregation, I thank the Committee Chairs, the Sub-Chairs, and individual Members of the Committees and Congregation for their outstanding work during this challenging year!

### Officers

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our Treasurer, Mona McIntyre, ably assisted by Dave Somerville and Mona's husband, Frank, for their many hours spent on this crucial task. Thanks also to Ruben Nelson, who has done an excellent job as Secretary to the Council and provided thoughtful input during Council discussions.

### Ministry and Personnel

Finally, I want to recognize the great work of the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the leadership of our outstanding Minister and Team throughout this challenging year. Our faith community has thrived this year due to their understanding, encouragement, and counsel. Thank you, Rev. Greg Wooley, Trish Campney, Tanya Sullivan, and Jan Tissandier.

Ian Schofield, Chair

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Shortly after the start of the Covid pandemic, Council formed a Subcommittee to respond to Covid and the public health measures issued by the Governments and the United Church of Canada. As needed, the Subcommittee has met to review the updated public health directives and formulated written policies for our in-person activities and use of our Church property by the congregation and our public users. We have safely pivoted to outdoor services, allowed the use of the Church Hall by our long-term renters, and relished in-person services at Rundle in Banff. The Subcommittee wishes to thank all for their support of our decisions and commitment to safety. We will continue to provide advice as we reopen as the Covid pandemic hopefully recedes in 2022.

### MINISTER'S REPORT

At RCMUC, 2021 was a year framed by big societal realities and significant “first steps” within the community of faith.

In my 2020 Minister's Report, I stated that “the final 42 weeks of 2020 required every person and every committee and ministry of this congregation to be continually adaptable...on the whole we did (and continue to do) remarkably well as a congregation, and I thank you all for your contribution to that.” Ditto, for all 52 weeks of 2021! The ongoing reality of this pandemic led to many disheartening starts and stops, but we have forged ahead. Three outdoor services at Millennium Park (with two others planned-but-rained-out) and two indoor services at Rundle Memorial reminded us of what it feels like to worship in one another's company. We yearn for more of that, while continuing to turn to God's Word for hope and guidance through our online Sunday services and Zoom'd Evensong gatherings each Wednesday.

In addition to the realities of COVID-19, all Canadians and the RCMUC congregation were brought face-to-face with a hard reality in 2021, through the gravesite discoveries at Kamloops, Cowessess, and other Residential School locations. We knew, from the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Report (and verbal reports for decades before that) that these gravesites existed but the Kamloops discovery, in particular, was a pivotal moment. I am indebted to the work of our Right Relations committee at making such public, visible efforts to build knowledge and to encourage reconciliation, and I have been humbled by the graciousness that friends at Mini Thni have brought to this shared walk on the path of peace.

Early in 2021 the Rundle Memorial United Church congregation in Banff approached RCMUC to investigate the possibility of amalgamation, or some form of shared journey. While such a venture has many complexities - especially for two congregations with very different modes of raising/generating funds - it has been a joy to welcome the contributions of Rundle folks on Church committees, to become familiar with the important mission exercised by the Rundle Thrift Shop, and to be able to gather in the spacious sanctuary at Rundle as we attempt to return to in-person, indoor Worship. As will be reported elsewhere in this AGM Report, coming together with Rundle has also led to the birth of a new shared Wedding Ministry, which has brought a new vitality to this connection with the broader community. Much progress was made in our “Ralph and Rundle” discussions and this process continues into 2022.

The other “new” area in which significant steps were taken in 2021, was the “greening” of our building. Through the Faithful Footprints program, a partnership between the United Church of Canada and Faith & the Common Good, many upgrades were made to Gordon Hall and to the ventilation system. RCMUC also became the first community-funded solar installation of the Bow

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Valley Green Energy Cooperative, and we are so pleased to have solar-generated power meeting much of our power needs as well as contributing to the grid. We look forward to additional facility-related changes that will make the RCMUC building both energy efficient, and increasingly welcoming to all members of the Canmore community.

As always, at year's end I must offer my thanks for the ongoing support of the Council, committees, prayer circles and membership of both Ralph Connor and Rundle. In this prolonged liminal time, betwixt and between the ways we used to function as communities of faith, and the unfolding horizon that God is placing before us, much adaptability, resilience and trust has been needed - as well as hours and hours of Zoom meetings, prayers, phone calls, socially distanced walks, and other ways of expressing care for one another. I thank everyone for your continuing efforts, and your support of my Ministry in your midst.

In Christ,

Rev. Greg Wooley



**Rev. Greg Wooley outdoor YouTube worship 2021**



### MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

COVID-19 continued to impact the way our staff worked throughout 2021. Although some of the technological aspects became more familiar, moving back and forth from online to in-person presented other challenges, especially when the weather was unpredictable. Much thanks to our staff who did their best to bring us the best of services in either mode, and all their behind-the-scenes work to help us function smoothly as a church.

We are blessed by our staff in so many ways, seen and unseen.

Greg continues to delight us with creative and thought-provoking services. Tanya continues to produce beautiful music with the choir and to make sure that hymns and songs are ready to incorporate into services. Jan continues to provide wonderful leadership and tone to Evensong. Trish continues to hold down the office, keeping track of so many things besides putting out the weekly newsletter. Of course, they all do so much more than this skeleton list, which would take many pages to list entirely! They are all to be applauded for their adaptability as the situations have changed often, sometimes with little notice.

In the 2022 Budget, you will see a 1.3% salary/pay increase reflected for our staff for the coming year.

I want to thank the other M&P committee members, Bob MacDonell, Gus Campbell and Alexine Murray for their energy, reflective input and perspectives as we participated in many varied topics of discussion. They are a wonderful team with whom to work.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy McMann, M&P Chair

### BOW VALLEY WEDDING MINISTRY

#### M&P Introduction:

In February 2021, the idea for a Bow Valley United Churches Wedding Ministry was brought to Council. This idea came from considerations about what could be taken off Rev. Greg's responsibilities, to lighten his work load, making it more manageable. RCMUC Council supported further investigation of this idea and in March 2021 Rev. Shannon Mang and Aurora Borin were contracted to conduct research and to produce a report for Council. Their report was shared with Council in June 2021 and, following further discussion, Council approved a motion to accept the report and to move towards implementation of this new ministry. Council members Joy McMann and Cathy Harrop were appointed to a working group to work with Shannon Mang on this project.

Not only does this ministry help Greg, it will pay for itself as the wedding fees will cover all expenses associated with this new ministry AND will add a little bit to the coffers of both churches. A grant was received from the United Church's EDGE program to cover start-up costs, including website development.

While Shannon began doing weddings earlier, a contract was officially signed with her as Wedding Minister in September 2021. See Shannon's report for more on the work of this ministry thus far. Contracts were also signed with Aurora Borin as Wedding Musician and with Marlo Reid as Wedding

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Host for the Rundle site. Work is still in-progress to determine the tasks and role(s) of a Wedding Host for the Ralph Connor site and what administration is needed for this ministry.

By all accounts, Greg is happy to not be doing weddings (as they are “destination weddings” rather than for congregants), Shannon is enjoying doing weddings and both she and Aurora are excited about growing this ministry.

Respectfully submitted: Joy McMann

### BV Wedding Minister:

It has been a fun year shaping the Bow Valley United Church Wedding Ministry in 2021. I enjoyed working with Aurora Borin on the research project in the Spring. I took the opportunity to contact some United Church ministers and wedding ceremony specialists who having developed unique wedding ministries in BC and the Maritimes and I gained a lot of insight about building up and marketing a welcoming wedding ministry. I also gained valuable insights in the meeting with Carla Leon with EDGE who helped us with our application for start-up funding.

The wedding bookings started coming in and I was very busy with doing zoom meetings and ceremony planning with the couples. The changing Covid19 restrictions were challenging, particularly with the indoor ceremonies at Rundle United in Banff. Outdoor ceremonies were certainly less stressful around the pandemic protocols, but the three outdoor weddings in October and November were chilly.

In 2021 there were 11 weddings performed through Ralph Connor Memorial and Rundle Memorial United Churches. In mid-January 2022 we already have 11 weddings that have been booked between the two communities for the coming year, so I anticipate that there will be more weddings performed than last year.

I look forward to using the EDGE grant funds in the coming months to develop the wedding ministry website and marketing materials. Both Aurora and I were very excited with the potential creation of a uniquely Affirming Wedding Ministry as we worked on the project proposal. This continues to be a passion area for me. I hope that soon we will be known in the LGBTQIA2+ community across Canada and beyond as the place to have fabulous inclusive weddings in the beautiful Bow Valley.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Shannon Mang

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

**Members:** Greg Wooley, Jan Dougall (chair), Sim Gascoyne, Donna Kennedy, Tanya Sullivan, Ann Thorborn, Jan Tissandier, Sharon Fish, Lynn Katarey

Retired this year: Isabelle Ramsay, Faye Forbes-Anderson & Joan VonEngelbrechten transitioned to new Spiritual Explorations team; and Cindy McKay joined the Pastoral Care team.

This past year, Covid 19 has once again challenged the Worship Committee to keep up with protocols and restrictions in providing meaningful and engaging services for the congregation. Many thanks to the entire committee for their ideas and energy. Special thanks to Greg for his devotion and extra work; Tanya for her recordings and work with the virtual choir; and Jan for her organization of Evensong. Their efforts are appreciated by all who have watched online or attended in-person services.

**Faith@Home:** Packages have been purchased and are being mailed out to families with young children. The response has been that these have been excellent resources. Children's Church/Christian Education has now been given to the newly formed Spiritual Development Group.

**Evensong:** Services continue online with many people volunteering to lead services. Participants include worshippers from not only the Bow Valley, but Calgary, the West Coast, and England. We are thrilled these services have been able to continue and that the participation has been very satisfactory.

**Choir:** Tanya continues to record hymns and anthems for the online services. She has developed a good repertoire to be used. The choir has been meeting virtually, then individually recording themselves to be mixed by Rick Anderson. Thank you Rick for your time and talent. Other members of the congregation have provided musical offerings from time to time.

**Outreach:** Greg continues to send an online service to GEV once per month. He was able to do an in-person service in December, which was much appreciated by the residents and staff. To offer support to our healthcare and essential workers, the bells were rung on Saturdays at 2:00 pm in June and July.

**Pie Day:** Julie Fletcher and Ali Buckingham from Rundle, led this activity with 16 participants.

**Red Dress Day:** The church was adorned with Red Dresses and posters to provide information regarding the acknowledgement of murdered and missing Indigenous women. Comments were positive regarding this display and many people paused to read the information and take photos. This will be expanded next year with a take away information brochure.

**Moment for Reflection:** The sanctuary was open for a couple of hours once a week in the fall, for anyone who wanted to sit quietly and reflect and pray. While we did not have many people take advantage of this opportunity, the ones who did were appreciative of the opportunity.

**Services:** During the process of amalgamation with Rundle United Church, we have had some members from Banff participate in the services. We were fortunate to be able to have three outdoor services in August and September at Millenium Park. Two services were also held at Rundle United Church; one in November and one in December with required safety measures.

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**Indigenous Sunday (June 20):** Tony Snow and other participants from Morley provided a very meaningful and thought-provoking service that was very relevant and reflective of the tragedy of the residential schools and the discovery of many unmarked graves.

We continue to be grateful for their involvement with our church.

**Baptism:** A baptism was held at our outdoor service in September and another was held with a small family group in the sanctuary.

**Communion:** We pre-recorded communion to be included in the service. We continue to brainstorm how we can have communion safely once we are back to in-person services.

**Remembrance Day:** Thank you to Lynn Katarey for her research on three members of the Bow Valley who gave their service in the First World War. This was very informative and added a local dimension to the service.

**Christmas:** The Mountain Hometown Christmas video from 2020 was updated with some new musical selections and scenes from Rundle United Church.

The Worship Committee continues to strive to enhance worship experiences through services including Sunday Worship, Evensong and other special services.

Submitted by Jan Dougall (chair)



November 28 2021 In-Person Worship at RMUC



### EVENSONG

Faces in a gallery of squares are not the same as seeing each other in a circle in the sanctuary, but they are every bit as welcome and cherished. Zoom has carried us through 2021, gathering as a community of kindred spirits, near and far.

In the spirit of Evensong, a litany of gratitude:

To those who lent hand and heart to leading services the past year ~ Marni Virtue, Steve de Keijzer, Judith Maxwell, Eric McAvity, Judy Archer, Jackie Baker, Greg Wooley, Joy McMann, Heather and Alan McFadyen, Sim Stroes-Gascoyne, Isabelle Ramsay. ***We give you thanks.***

We acknowledge with gratitude ~  
the readers who willingly stepped up with grace  
to lead a prayer or read a poem,  
Judy Archer, steadfast as our Zoom host,  
Tony Snow and Rosie Press for sharing their wisdom,  
Greg Wooley and Shannon Mang for their abiding support.  
***We give you thanks.***

To the Spirit who has breathed in us and through us  
during two decades of Evensong,  
And to all the companions on the road,  
***We give you thanks.***  
May we journey on together, in hope and in faith.

On behalf of the Evensong community, Jan Tissandier



Evensong celebrates Epiphany

### MUSIC 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Music continues to be a very important part of the ministry of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church. With Covid protocols remaining in place, our music ministry has remained largely virtual, with hymns recorded as sung and played by me for our YouTube services, choir practices on zoom and virtual choir presentations prepared as regularly as possible with the capable technical assistance of choir member Rick Anderson.

There were more attempts at outdoor services this year, through August and September, but weather canceled 2 of them.

Other musicians who lent worship music support over the year included; Aurora Borin, Jan Tissandier, Corinna Strim, Dave Somerville, Bob Bean, Rick Anderson, Sue Nichols, Cathy Harrop, Cathy Robinson as well as outside offerings by the likes of Jim and Jean Strathdee and the wider church who have provided music videos for general use by congregations.

Reading sessions for new music shopping continue to be virtual events as is any continuing education. Some strong suggestions from the choir community seems to have rendered more anthem music onto the Licensing sites, which means we have more options going forward to use on your recorded services both now and into the future when are able to be back in person, but intend to continue uploading to YouTube. Though recent news seems to indicate that many music choral music publishers are struggling to survive or closing their doors due to the continued downtick of participation in church choirs and exacerbation of the situation due to covid.

Respectfully submitted: Tanya Sullivan



Easter 2021

### PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Members: (*Seasoned*) Vicky Connoy, Allison Edwards, Sandy McCaig & Diane Travers (*thank you for grooming the new 2021 members*); Ex-officio Rev. Greg Wooley

New: Faye Forbes-Anderson (*Feb to August 2021*) when Faye found her calling with the *Spiritual Explorations committee*; Diane Campbell; Trish Campney, Ruby Fisher, Cindy McKay, Dawn McPherson & Margaret Watson

Since the first meeting in March 2021, 7 meetings have been held via Zoom.

We are grateful for the Contact Care volunteers who bridged the communication gap during the initial Covid-19 Pandemic. Thank you to Barb Profitt & Marilese MacDonell for organizing this team of volunteers. Many, many thanks to Vicky Connoy, Sandy McCaig, Diane Travers, Allison Edwards, Mary Cranston, Ian Schofield and Karen Fraser, Bob and Jeanette Aishford, Marsh Kennedy, Mona McIntyre, Faye Forbes-Anderson, Trish and Jeff Campney, Cindy McKay, Mary Shearer, Diane Field, Marg Suurallik, Rhonde LeSueur, Denise Dignum, and Margaret Claveau for their compassion and willingness to reach out to our congregation members, and continue to be available to make periodic calls to the many new friends they made.

Since the first meeting in March 2021, the committee has:

1. Signed confidentiality agreements.
2. Diane T transferred list of Special Celebration recipients ( $\geq 90$  years) to Allison; Diane T continues to keep track of medical concerns and exchange details with appropriate volunteers for outreach.
3. Allison graciously accepted duty of expediting thank you, celebration and bereavement cards or emails.
4. FCSS updated pamphlets online and the link was shared amongst committee  
<https://banff.ca/187/Bow-Valley-Affordability-Guide>
5. Diane Campbell made presentation entitled “Boundaries” on April 7<sup>th</sup>, extending invitation to Alpine Threshold Voices Choir/Healing Pathway/Prayer Shawl teams. Thank you Diane C, a beneficial session for all participants.
6. Faye, Trish & Jeff C participated in the Chinook Winds Regional Hospital Ministries 7-week course Apr 13-May 25 lead by Geoffrey Simmins.
7. With blessing from Council, the Pastoral Care Committee introduced a Benevolent Fundraiser with printing of 5 “spiritual” images in each package. We printed our 2nd and 3rd series before the Christmas season. We are pleased with the successful project while online worship Benevolent funds not being generated.
8. Sandy McCaig joined Rev. Greg Wooley to present theme of Hope & Resilience at October 24 YouTube Channel online worship. Thank you both Sandy & Rev. Greg for both presentations and the after coffee chat that followed.
9. A multitude of fellowship host opportunities explored pending lifting of Covid restrictions and permitting serving of food. The two venues considered are hosting fellowship following in-



person worship, and the other is introducing a monthly Muffin Thursday, stay tuned to the newsletter when these in-person fellowship opportunities can be restored.

10. Ruby and Dawn have voluntarily accepted to co-chair PCC following the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish Campney



**OUTREACH** *The following 4 reports express aspects of our Pastoral Care that reach into the broader community.*

### **ALPINE VOICES THRESHOLD CHOIR**

Alpine Voices Threshold Choir carries on via Zoom, a choir like so many others that cannot sing in harmony nor hear each other's voices in song. We had a very brief window of time in the summer when we were allowed to sing for our elder friends in the Golden Eagle View garden. It was a blessed reunion to sing together, and to share the joy of music with our cherished friends, staff and residents alike. Until such time as we can safely gather in the beauty of the sanctuary, we carry on meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, a Zoom gallery of friends in song.

On behalf of Alpine Voices,

Jan Tissandier

### **BENEVOLENT FUND**

The Ralph Connor Benevolent Fund is designed to cover both Emergency needs, and Community Service initiatives. In the year 2021, Benevolent donations assisted local people and folks “in transit”, with groceries, gas money, and overnights at the hostel. This included assistance provided to two groups of Indigenous Pilgrims who were on Spirit Walks to Kamloops. A donation was also made to the Bow Valley Christmas Spirit Campaign. In addition, the Benevolent Fund was the conduit for Ralph Connor’s very significant financial support of the Iyarhe Nakoda’s Christmas Baskets for Elders.

Thank you all for your generous support of this fund.

Blessings, Greg Wooley

### **HEALING PATHWAY 2021 REPORT**

During 2021 The Healing Pathway Team continued to be challenged with COVID protocol. We were unable to gather to support each other through our monthly meetings, as well, unable to join our hearts and hands to support those in need through our Healing Sessions.

Val Goodrow continues to meet virtually with the Healing Pathway Prayer Circle on a Wednesday and Friday for meditation and prayer. This Ministry continues to be a Blessing for our group, and we offer our prayers to support the World. During our time together we are privileged to include those people who have specific prayer requests. Greg is always included in our prayers as well as our congregation.

If you know someone that would like to be prayed for by The Healing Pathway Prayer Circle, we request that the person gives consent to have their name mentioned in prayer as privacy/confidentiality is of utmost importance. We also would appreciate knowing when the situation changes where we can release them from our prayers or update the prayer to a changing need.

During these uncertain times, our sub-group of the Healing Pathway Ministry is honoured to continue to respond to the community needs virtually.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Nichols and Val Goodrow



### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer shawl knitters were once again blessed with a generous donation of \$2,000 from Crossway Community Thrift Store. The latter has been the main benefactor for the knitters and this donation was the latest in their generosity. Please support Crossway Community Thrift Store as the successor to the now departed Dollar Store.

"Knitted hugs" continue to find new homes courtesy of Banff and Canmore hospitals and emergency shelters in Morley and Banff. In addition shawls were provided to Russ Reynolds of Bow River Funeral Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Aishford

## STEWARDSHIP 2021 Annual Report

Stewardship is about inspiring people to be thankful for God's generosity by being generous ourselves.

There are many ways to be generous however the Stewardship program at Ralph Connor concentrates on our volunteer energy and our financial gifts. The "Time and Talent" and Pledgefest programs continued into 2021 and will continue into 2022 despite restrictions that continue to be placed on us by COVID.

### **Time and Talent:**

In 2021 we continued with a program designed to inform the congregation of all the good work being done by members of the many committees that serve to carry out the Mission of RCMUC. These presentations have been designed to inform, invite and thank. Each presentation contains information about what the committee does, an invitation to join in this work and a thank-you to those committee members who do the work. In 2021, presentations were prepared for the Worship and Emergency Preparedness Committees who have worked so hard to keep worship vibrant and safe.

### **Pledgefest: October 2021**

Organizers: Mona McIntyre, Carole Rowe, Faye Forbes-Anderson, Dave Somerville, Trish Campney, Rick Anderson

Purpose:

1. to help our Council better anticipate the income for the coming year
2. to help our community understand our gap between income and expenses
3. to inform givers about the options for giving
4. to increase the donations

The 2021 Pledgefest provides the assurance that income will continue throughout 2022, despite the loss of plate donations and rental income. The pledged donations allowed RCMUC to continue to hold Sunday worship services online, outdoors and at Rundle in Banff, expand Pastoral Care and Outreach throughout the Covid Pandemic. The 2021 Pledgefest was organized through weekly newsletters and online presentations with information on the importance of predictable income to meet our RCMUC mission.

### **Annual Pledgefest Results**

Year	Pledges	Pledged to local	Pledged to M&S
2019	58 (Pre-Pledgefest PAR)	\$74,000	unknown
2020	87	\$106,000	\$15,600
2021	67	\$115,000	\$14,028
2022	62	\$109,000	\$14,523

### **Conclusion:**

The Stewards want to thank the Ralph Connor and Rundle Church Membership once again for their continued generosity throughout 2021 that allowed continued completion of our Missions.

For 2022 Pledges continue to add to PAR donations that were received prior to Pledgefest. Response continues to be below our one pre Covid year. We hope we will get back to Pre-Covid response numbers when we are able to be together again. We are very grateful, however that the total amount of the pledges to Local continues to be about \$35,000 above that which was given through PAR before the Pledgefest program was initiated. Share



donations have also doubled, in part, due to the “donation options” discussions that were part of the Pledgefest presentations.

It is our intention to continue this work in the fall of 2022.

Submitted by Rick Anderson

### **SPIRITUAL EXPLORATIONS COMMITTEE**

Previously Christian Education/Children’s Church

New Members: Isabelle Ramsay, Faye Forbes-Anderson, Joan von Engelbrechten, Cathy Harrop,  
Ex-officio: Rev Greg Wooley

For several years we have been without a Christian Education / Faith Formation Committee.

The Worship Committee graciously stepped in for many years to provide Sunday morning children’s programming, but there was no Committee to coordinate book studies and learning events.

A committee, currently of 4, has formed to attempt to fill this gap. Since the first meeting in mid-September, the committee has:

1. created, distributed and analyzed a congregational survey to determine the programs, formats, preferred learning styles, best days and times for spiritual explorations events. Our key finding from the survey is that we have a wide scope for our committee.
2. met with two members of the First Third Ministry to brainstorm ideas, opportunities, and possibilities. We have lots!!
3. drafted tentative plans for events in 2022. **Watch the newsletter for our first event, scheduled for February.**

Respectfully submitted by: Faye Forbes-Anderson



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### OUTREACH

During COVID, the coordination has been set aside while other pressing concerns dealt with, and so while there is not currently a formal Outreach "Committee", Council aims to coordinator/collaborate with each of the Outreach teams to link with Council. The Outreach activities of RCMUC are far reaching and well supported by all members of our community of faith.

Following are reports from our Outreach Ministries:

### AFFIRMING MINISTRIES

#### 2021 Summary:

One of the benefits of the new relationship between Ralph Connor and Rundle, is that both congregations are Affirming Ministries of The United Church of Canada, so our Affirming Committees have been working together. Thanks to all involved!

Some highlights of our work in 2021:

- Shannon Mang convened a study group on the book *Queer Virtue*;
- Julie Fletcher and Ali Buckingham co-hosted a "PIE Day" Zoom event in March;
- The first "Canmore Pride" event included a display and book discussion at the Canmore Museum and RCMUC's Affirming group was represented at both;
- A community discussion regarding having a "Gay-Straight Alliance" in the Bow Valley has begun, with both RCMUC and CYAN represented;
- Robin Slater provides the weekly "Robin's Web" item for the Friday Newsletter, which keeps us abreast of events and reminds us of the breadth of what it means to say we are striving to be welcoming/affirming/inclusive.

As Affirming Ministries, we are especially grateful for the work done in 2021 by the Living Into Right Relations Committee, for making such Public, Intentional and Explicit displays in front of the RCMUC property.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Affirming Committee: Rev. Greg Wooley





### BOW VALLEY REFUGEE PROJECT (BVRP)

The Bow Valley Refugee Project (BVRP), is an outreach mission of RCMUC. The membership of BVRP consists of both individuals from RCMUC and many community members including its President, Debra Hornsby. Joy McMann, is RCMUC's Council representative and several members of RCMUC participate on BVRP's Board.

We are delighted to report that all six (6) of the first refugees that we sponsored in 2016, a family from Syria, became Canadian citizens in 2021! All are happily adjusted in Canada (Canmore and Drumheller) and are very grateful for the assistance of Ralph Connor and BVRP.

In July 2021, BVRP completed the required one-year sponsorship period of providing financial support to cover basic expenses and settlement support for the two Syrian Refugees/Permanent Residents who arrived in the summer of 2020. Some non-financial assistance in helping them to adjust to life in Canada continues to be provided by BVRP. Both have moved from Canmore (Calgary and Invermere, BC) due to our high cost of living and are currently self-employed. BVRP's most recent application is to sponsor the brother of one of these refugees. He is also a Syrian who fled Syria and is currently living in Kuala Lumpur.

BVRP has provided some non-financial support to *The World is Our Neighbour* (TWION), an outreach mission of Rundle Memorial United Church (RMUC). TIWON was created to make a refugee application. This support has included such things as progress inquiries to the government, general advice, and participation in Zoom calls to the four potential refugees from Pakistan who fled to Nepal because of religious persecution against Christians. Covid 19 has been a barrier and the processing of the application has been slow but we are optimistic that some progress is now being made.

BVRP has been in contact with *Canadian Women 4 Women in Afghanistan* (CW4WA) to offer the possibility of sponsorship of an Afghan refugee. Unfortunately, there are some current difficulties for these potential refugees to get out of Afghanistan.

Further information about Bow Valley Refugee Project can be found at [bowvalleyrefugee.ca](http://bowvalleyrefugee.ca)

#### **Bow Valley Refugee Project** **Balance Sheet 31-Dec-21 (unaudited)**

##### **Assets**

Cash \$ 23,085  
Donations not yet collected from Rotary 16,152  
Damage Deposit loans 2,500  
Other loans 2,000

\$ 43,737

##### **Liabilities**

- \$ -

### Equity

Reserve \$ 43,737

Liabilities and Equity \$ 43,737

### Bow Valley Refugee Project

#### Income Summary

31-Dec-21

(unaudited)

### Revenue

Donations (Rotary) \$ 16,152

Donations (RCMUC) 8,547

\$ 24,699

### Expenses

Payments to family \$ 11,726

Support loans to family 2,000

Dental and medical 373

Household items 945

Travel to Canada 2,928

\$ 17,972

Revenue in excess of Expenses \$ 6,727

\$23,085.40 is in the bank as of December 31, 2021.

Submitted by: Karen Fraser, BVRP

### **FRIENDS OF CANMORE YOUNG ADULT NETWORK (FoCYAN)**

COVID-19 continued to have a huge impact on CYAN (Canmore Young Adult Network) in 2021. Between COVID restrictions to activities, board members leaving and Tara Koenig (CYAN's staff person since 2018) leaving CYAN for new career adventures, there was a great lull in the energy moving in and towards CYAN. Caylee LaBranche and Stew Moffatt are largely credited with keeping CYAN going. But then, an amazing thing happened! Over the course of 2021, many new board members joined CYAN, enabling Stew and Caylee (eventually) to step aside and focus on other aspects of their lives. In the last months of 2021, CYAN events were back on track, funding for 2022 was secured and the new board members are energized and excited about CYAN fulfilling its Mission.

CYAN's Vision statement: **"We envision an inclusive Canmore where young adults thrive and play an active role in the community"**

CYAN's Mission statement: **"Strengthen Canmore by connecting young adults with each other, local resources, and empowering their voices in the community"**

As of December 2021, the CYAN Board consists of: Peter Giraldeau as Chair, Carolyn Reid as VP Fundraising, Sash Steele as Secretary, Brando Hadfield as Treasurer, Graham Scriven as a Member-at-Large, and Gabby Myre, Program Coordinator.

The Friends of CYAN (FoCYAN) continued to offer support, encouragement, and feedback to the CYAN Board members, although regular meetings became challenging. In 2021, FOCYAN members were: Ian Schofield, Ruben Nelson and Joy McMann from RCMUC, Laura Wellmann, from FCSS, and Marci Segal, a Canmore community member. We express our heartfelt THANKS to each FoCYAN member who gave their time, energy, ideas and encouragement in support of CYAN.

RCMUC's support of CYAN continued through donations and acting as CYAN's fiscal trustee. Within RCMUC, CYAN continues to be seen and treated as the young adult community outreach project to which we in Ralph Connor committed at our 2016 AGM.

Both CYAN and FoCYAN are thankful for the many ways RCMUC shows its ongoing support for CYAN!

Below, see CYAN's Annual Report as well as their 2022 Budget.

As always, if you have questions please raise them with either of us.

Thanks be to God.

Respectfully submitted: **Joy McMann and Ruben Nelson** Co-chairs of FoCYAN

## CYAN 2021 Survey Results

In the fall/Winter of 2021, we surveyed 92 people. We wanted to compare the results with our survey conducted in 2020, to find out how we're doing and how we could do better

Here's what we found!



92% of respondents knew who CYAN was before taking the survey.

### Our Visibility

66% feel like CYAN has helped them become aware of resources available in the community.

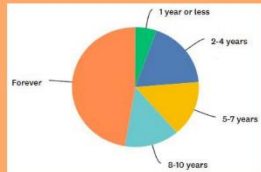
39% felt like there were enough activities & events to help connect with other young adults in our community. 45% felt neutral about this.



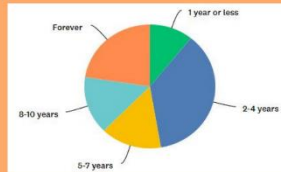
62% identified CYAN as a bridge connecting young adults to programs & services available in the community.

### A sense of place

We wanted to compare how long people see themselves living in Canmore in an ideal world versus in a realistic world.



Ideally  
↔  
Realistically



### Why Is That?

People were able to select multiple answers as to why life in Canmore can be difficult.

We found that the four biggest challenges faced by the young adults of Canmore are:

- **The lack of affordable housing (56%)**
- **The high cost of living (54%)**
- **Financial stability (35%)**
- **Housing stability (34%)**

These numbers are similar to what we found in 2019 & 2020. People love living in Canmore, but it is financially challenging.



In 2021, 71% of respondents said they were interested in volunteering in the community. This compares to 81% in 2020.

### Getting Involved

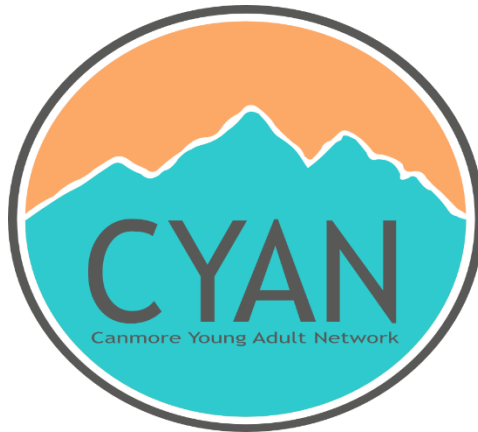
**Most people wanted to help out by:**

- Helping out at CYAN events.
- Joining CYAN when we volunteer in the community.
- Joining a CYAN working group

51% of respondents felt very connected or somewhat connected to Canmore.

This is compared to 57% in 2020





Dear Council Members of the Ralph Connor Memorial United Church,

**What CYAN has done in the last year thanks to support from the Ralph Connor Memorial United Church**

Over the summer, CYAN hired 6 new volunteer board members (young adults aged 18-35), so we had a dedicated team that was willing to plan and lead events. We are in the process of developing a recruitment process to hire two more Board Members, which will add to our operating capacity while providing training and experience to young adult community members. 2021 was overall a challenging year for CYAN, however, we pulled through with some amazing results.

In Summer and Fall, the new Board decided to reduce our operating costs and run primarily on a volunteer basis, so we could focus our income on reviving our core programming, which had not been operational since 2020. Summer/Fall programming was delivered by our Board of Directors, with the assistance of our paid Summer Program Coordinator. Winter programming was fully delivered by our paid Program Coordinator. Further, CYAN created a volunteer VP of Fundraising role to develop and implement a 12-18 month fund development project, which should be fully implemented by the end of 2022. Under this structure, CYAN delivered the following programs: \_

*Yoga in the Park*

We were able to re-start our weekly yoga events throughout the summer at Riverside Park from July - September. Yoga was provided by-donation, and provided a safe and healthy space for young adults to increase their physical and mental wellbeing. Several of our Board Members took turns exercising leadership skills by supervising our Summer Program Coordinator to run this event, which involved booking yoga teachers for weekly events, marketing the event over Facebook and Instagram, and providing resources such as yoga mats and hand sanitizer at the events.

Yoga in the Park regularly had between 15 - 25 attendees on a weekly basis, and provided a venue for young adults to informally meet and strengthen their interpersonal connections. This event was sorely needed after a year or more of COVID-19 restrictions.

Going into the fall/winter, CYAN is running by-donation indoor yoga at the Town of Canmore Recreation Facility, which commenced in late October. Each week, attendance has been approximately 20-25 people, and again has been an important way for CYAN to bring young adults in the community together.





### *Move Mountains*

CYAN's crowning achievement this year was hosting our Move Mountains Festival, which centers around young voter encouragement and political participation. We focused MMF 2021 on the municipal election. We invited the mayoral and councilor candidates to attend, so they could interact with Canmore's young adults, and young adults could ask them questions about issues that were important to them. Unsurprisingly, affordable housing and the environment were the hottest issues of the evening. Further, the musical component of the evening was performed by Northern Quarter, a local band from Canmore that won Calgary Music Awards 2020 - Group of the Year.

We hosted this event at the Cornerstone Theatre on Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, one month after the provincial government implemented new COVID restrictions and also the Restriction Exemption Program. As a Board, we decided to run a hybrid event, with in-person and virtual attendance options. We had over 50 in-person attendees and 30 virtual viewers. All audience members (virtual and in-person) were able to participate in this event through the use of a mobile application called Slido, which enabled attendees to submit questions to the Master of Ceremonies (Rob Murray, Mountain 106.5 FM), to be answered by the mayoral and councilor candidates.



### *Pasta Night*



In addition to the events run above, CYAN re-started Pasta Nights. Pasta Night is a by-donation event that is run-monthly, COVID restrictions permitting. We partner with the local business community, who donate food (pasta, produce, bread, cookies, olive oil, etc) to help us run this event. Our core sponsors are Canmore Pasta Co. Save On Foods, JK Bakery, Evoolution, and Valbella Gourmet Foods. Run by 6-10 volunteers and one central coordinator, Pasta Night attracts upwards of 30+ people per event, and contributes to the food security of young adults. At each event, we recognize our sponsors by tagging them in our social media posts (followings of approx. 1800 and 1100 people on Facebook and Instagram respectively), and putting their logos on our table stoppers, ensuring high visibility of our sponsors to all participants.



### *Board Game Night*

This in-person Board Game Night was a highly anticipated monthly event during pre-Covid times. It was put on hold over the last 20 months due to restrictions, however, after nearly 2 years, we have just re-launched this event in November and plan to bring it back on a monthly basis during the winter months. The event takes place at Communita Cafe and is a huge hit, with approximately 20 young adults attending each event. Communita Cafe graciously provided us space and stayed open until 8pm for us to run the event.

The event provides an opportunity for young adults to have an activity to attend in the evening where they can socialize and meet other like-minded individuals. There is no charge for young adults to attend, however they can purchase something to eat or drink if they wish to. There is no pressure to spend money.

Other notable CYAN achievements include:

- Unmute Your Mic - Parts 1 and 2: This event enabled young adults to virtually connect with each other while COVID restrictions persisted into early Summer 2021. This event was MC'ed by the Mountain Mumblers, which gave them a chance to increase their brand presence amongst the young adult community in Canmore while locals shared their talent with the community.
- Canmore Mystery Tours enabled young adults new to Canmore to explore Canmore by following a scavenger-hunt through the town.
- CYAN Annual Survey: We developed our annual survey to understand the current needs of young adults. This year's survey was tailored to understand how the pandemic is currently affecting this demographic. Our Program Coordinator sent the survey out to young adults in November /December, and we received over 90 respondents. The results were summarized for the Board to develop its 2022/23 strategic plan.
- Participated in the Bow Valley Primary Care Network forum in October 2021, presenting ideas on healthcare gaps that are important to young adults.
- We have developed a fund strategy and commenced its implementation in May 2021. Since implementation, CYAN has fundraised approximately \$57,000, of which \$40,000 will be used

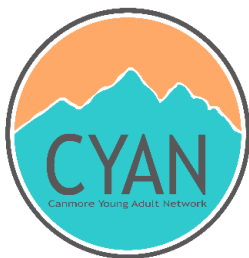
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towards 2022 programming. Based on the attached budget, this is sufficient to hire an executive director at 20 hours per week for 2022. Additionally, pending additional funding discussed in Note 1 of the attached budget, CYAN should have enough funding to hire a program coordinator at 20 hours / week from April - December 2022.

These accomplishments would not have happened without the support from the RCMUC. Overall, by reviving our programming, we have been able to impact the lives of over 150 community members this year by improving community connections and supporting local businesses like The Cornerstone Theatre, local musicians such as Northern Quarter, our local Pasta Night Sponsors, the Mountain Mumblers, and so many more. In the 2022 year, CYAN has four goals: 1) continue to deliver our core programming, 2) staff and volunteer recruitment, 3) fund development, and 4) collaborate with organizations such as Canmore Pride and the RCMUC to deliver inclusive programming which will deepen young adults' connection with the Canmore community.

Thank you so much for helping to make all of this happen!

Submitted by: Carolyn Reid, VP Fundraising, CYAN



	2018	2019	2020	2021
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
From Congregation	22,520.00	7,830.00	5,310.00	6,215.00
Canada Summer Jobs Program	3,294.00			
United Church of Canada	21,000.00	43,000.00	-	-
Town of Canmore - Community Relief 2020	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
RBC- CYAN Connect Grant Carryover		8,000.00		
Calgary Foundation				9,300.00
Presbytery	2,952.00		2,500.00	-
Rotary Club of Canmore	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	-
Banff Canmore Community Foundation	5,000.00	3,500.00		-
Government of Canada				5,000.00
Government of Alberta - CIP				

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Event Income (Donations)	1,408.00	3,988.00	1,712.00	1,360.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>62,674.00</b>	<b>69,318.00</b>	<b>15,022.00</b>	<b>26,375.00</b>
Payroll - Prior Year Actuals	28,845.00	45,770.00	24,012.00	16,357.00
Payroll - Executive Director				
Payroll - Program Coordinator				
CPP	1,248.00	1,945.00	1,080.00	519.00
EI	640.00	854.00	444.00	314.00
Bonus	850.00	62.00		
Advertising	2,265.00	1,541.00		1,811.00
Communications		451.00	596.00	91.00
Supplies		57.00	36.00	1,626.00
Computer & Software	1,601.00	519.00	461.00	1,328.00
Hospitality & Travel	32.00	1,075.00	154.00	92.00
Honorarium & Gifts		293.00		420.00
Staff Training	90.00	1,479.00	174.00	
Volunteer Training				
Events - Prior Year Actuals	3,211.00	6,965.00	431.00	8,059.00
Events- Move Mountains Festival				
Events - Pasta Night				
Events - Outdoor Yoga				
Events - Indoor Yoga				
Community BBQ (Volunteer & Sponsor Appreciation)				
Insurance				
Miscellaneous		140.00		115.00
	<b>38,782.00</b>	<b>61,151.00</b>	<b>27,388.00</b>	<b>30,732.00</b>

Net	23,892.00	8,167.00	-	12,366.00	-	4,357.00
Operating Surplus -Year End 2021	15,336.00	Note 2				

Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation: applying for \$5,000 for Pasta Night

BCCF - Due January 28th, 2022: \$5,000

Government of Alberta CIP grant (applied September 2021, will be notified late January 2022): \$30,000

Town of Canmore - Due April 29th: \$10,000 for General Funds for Community Recovery

Expected Funding not included in budget:

20,500.00

**Conclusion:** *If this funding is received, CYAN will hire a Program Coordinator at 20 hours a week for the remainder of*

CYAN notes that the operating surplus as the end of 2021 is approximately \$15,000. Our intention is to save the operating surplus until April 2023 based on the following timeline:

- 1) Submit 2022 grant report to Calgary Foundation on December 31st, 2022. (must be submitted AT LEAST two weeks before)
- 2) Apply for Calgary Foundation Community Grant on January 15th, 2023
- 3) Receive funding from Community Foundation grant in April 2023

### COMMUNITY FOOD AND FRIENDS

Established in 2013, Community Food and Friends is an Ecumenical/Community venture providing Monday night dinner at St Michael's Hall for anyone who wishes to partake. Ralph Connor was one of the founding Churches, and took a regular turn in providing volunteers from 2013 to 2020. In addition, for many years a dedicated group of dessert-makers would gather once per month in the RCMUC kitchen, under the guidance of Faye Forbes-Anderson. In 2020, the pandemic caused a transition from an in-person meal, to a delivered meal from the kitchen of The Iron Goat Restaurant (with other businesses participating as well) and then transitioned once more to a take-out meal picked up at St Michael's Hall. We give thanks for the team that continues to prepare and serve this weekly meal, and to our RCMUC Food & Friends volunteer coordinator Judy Vincent (and, before her, Mandy Johnson). We look forward to the day when we can once more join in taking our turn in providing Monday volunteers for a shared sit-down dinner, as well as putting our new kitchen appliances to work in producing delicious desserts.

Submitted by: Rev. Greg Wooley

### GREEN EXODUS

Green Exodus is a visionary project designed to bring together two things that are near and dear to the heart of RCMUC: Contemplative Spiritual Practice, and a deep connection with Nature. Early in 2021, the first Green Exodus Zoom events were hosted by RCMUC and were very successful. Jan Tissandier, Joy McMann, Sim Gascoyne and Ruben Nelson helped plan these Friday sessions. Throughout the year people from the Canmore community (some from RCMUC, some not) participated in online discussions, nature walks, contemplative “sits”, among other events, primarily hosted by a core group in Calgary but with many participants from places like Lethbridge, Camrose, Victoria, and Kelowna.

Ralph Connor is the fiscal trustee for Green Exodus (many thanks to Mona McIntyre!) and the oversight group for G.E. consists of Sarah Arthurs (Calgary), Tony Snow (Mini Thni/Calgary), Beth Lorimer (Kairos Toronto) and Rev Greg Wooley. For more information or to learn of current programs, see <https://greenexodus.ca/>

### HIGH STRUNG UKULELE GROUP

High Strung Uke sessions are still happening but unfortunately not in person. There are around 75 ukulele players who have signed up to join the zoom session every Thursday at 6PM for an hour. The positive side of meeting on zoom, is that we have several members from outside of Canmore. A former Ralph Connor member, Libby Bowes joins us from Ontario, Bronwyn Jones a former Canmore person joins from the sunshine coast and Sylvia Heebner also a former resident of Canmore joins from Winnipeg. In addition there are 6 or 7 from the HighRiver area.

We look forward to the time when we can once again meet in person in our beautifully acoustic sanctuary. Thank you Ralph Connor for your support in this outreach.

Submitted by:

Marsh & Donna Kennedy



Pre-COVID image of High Strung Ukulele players.



### PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

#### January to June 2021

The Property Committee initiates most projects by e-mail and keeps a regularly updated project list. The Property Committee members carry out repairs and upgrades at the church while keeping in mind its heritage designation. At times the Committee reaches out for volunteers to support our work. Any newcomers wanting to help manage or do hands on work are most welcome to join us.

The Committee is responsible for the day-to-day care and maintenance as well as hired services such as security, janitorial, snow removal, exterior window cleaning and trades.

Each spring the Committee organizes a volunteer cleaning blitz of the building and grounds.

Additionally the Committee is responsible for liaising with our long-term tenants who want to lease the church facilities. The Committee also acts as a sounding board for miscellaneous short-term property rentals. Thanks to Trish for managing this function for us.

COVID 19 continued to curtail most activities in the church allowing the Committee to complete many energy saving initiatives.

Hopefully restrictions will soon be relaxed so that everyone can fully enjoy prayer and fellowship in our improved facility.

As the lead of the Property Committee for the first half of 2021 I am grateful for the patience, support and assistance shown to me by everyone.

Terry Tuepah  
Past Property Committee Chair

#### PART 2 - July to December 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Bill Rowe   Cam McMann   John Snoddy   Rod Sullivan

This part of the report continues the previous submission by Terry Tuepah listing the duties shared amongst the "Property Guys":

1. Outside Grounds - grass cutting, weeding, trimming shrubs, watering and keeping the property neat and tidy.
2. Mud Jacked the concrete front courtyard to raise the dip and prevent people from tripping. It may need a touch up this summer.
3. Supporting Solar Panel Project - researching all areas of the church and recording where savings of electrical power can take place for the committee. One of our members served part time on the solar committee.
4. Exterior Solar Security Lights - removal of 3 power hungry electrical security lights and installation of 3 solar generated motion sensitive LED lights, and monitoring the night time on/off process.
5. A number of trees had to be removed by a contractor to allow for better sun exposure. One of the trees was located in the middle of a section of our white picket fence leaving a 1.5 meter gap. Contact was made with the original fence contractor to order enough fencing

material to close the gap. Two committee members installed fencing material to close the gap in the fence.

6. No Parking Signs (approved by Town of Canmore) were installed on our back fence.
7. Re-pointed and set donation bricks.
8. A shorter extension ladder was donated to the Church. Two supports were constructed and mounted on the shed for storage.
9. Large plywood cabinet in furnace room was taking up too much space especially with new furnaces. The cabinet was taken apart and material stored for future use.
10. Storage shelf was constructed (with salvaged plywood) and installed in previous freezer room.
11. Replacement furnace filters continue to be changed on a regular basis and recorded on a chart on the side of the furnace.
12. One committee member has the responsibility of meeting with potential or present renters of the church facilities and setting up contracts.
13. A metal electronic junction box has been installed below the Pulpit.
14. A) A children's music program began in September with a new rental agreement hosted by Corina Strim.  
B) An adult movement program began in October with a new rental agreement hosted by Adrienne Lawlor.

Submitted by the "Property Guys" team.

### **BUILDING AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE - Accessibility**

In response to priorities identified by the Congregation during renovation/expansion consultations, the Committee searched for possible funding sources and subsequently applied for a grant from the Canadian Government, Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, for their Enabling Accessibility Fund. Much to our delight, we were informed that we qualified for a \$100,000 grant which we received in October! Our grant request was to retrofit the door operators at the main door into Gordon Hall, to develop two (2) barrier free washrooms, and to install a 3 stop, front - rear entry elevator for access to the Sanctuary from Gordon Hall and the 2nd floor.

We are also grateful that RCMUC also received a substantial donation of \$10,000 in 2021 that was specifically targeted for making our property accessible. We have used some of these funds to reengage Transept Architecture to revise the concept plans provided during the Congregational consultations into a single concept plan focusing on the accessibility piece. The floorplan redesigns the offices, kitchen, and storage areas, but even so, it is clear that the addition of accessible doors, an accessible elevator, and accessible washrooms will take away a considerable amount of our current space. Accordingly, in order to maintain and somewhat enhance a functional main floor gathering space, the plan envisages a partial (12 foot) expansion into the backyard. This consolidated concept plan accompanies this report.

The Committee is working with a local contractor to cost the project. He did the HVAC work for the Faithful Footprints projects, and there is a consensus that we could work well with him as a Project Manager on this project. It is clear that the scope of the work outlined will cost more than the \$100,000 grant.

We have a lot to do in 2022! Time is of the essence as the grant must be spent by October 21, 2023, or we must return it to the Federal Government.

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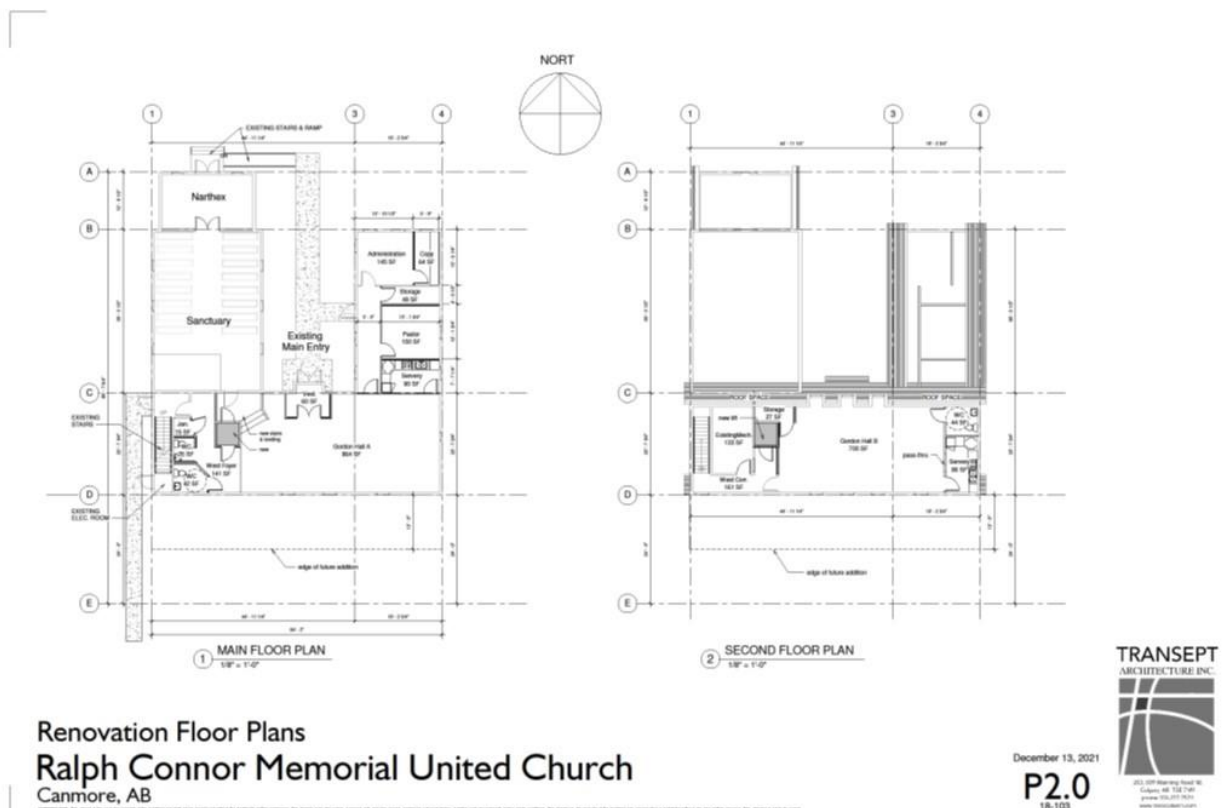
Our next steps, not necessarily in order, will include:

- Determining the costs of the project.
- Consulting with the Trustees regarding funding the project and possible fundraising initiatives.
- Taking the project before Council to ask them to set a Special Congregational Meeting.
- Preparing a report for a Congregational meeting and requesting consideration of a motion approving a detailed accessibility renovation and expansion plan.
- Reviewing the plans with the Planning Department of the Town of Canmore.
- Reviewing the plans with Alberta Heritage because RCMUC is a Provincial Heritage Resource.
- Having a congregational meeting in March or April 2022.
- Investigating and looking for more Government Grants, especially Alberta's Community Facility Enhancement Program, which has an intake of June 15, 2022.

It is important to note that Chinook Winds Regional Council is the ultimate arbiter on matters of significant renovations/expansion of Church Property and the use of Church investment funds. We will have early discussions with Joel Den Haan of Chinook Winds Region.

We are a committee of four, all of whom have other Council or Trustee responsibilities. We would like more help to do the investigations and prepare the report for the Congregation. We welcome additions to our Committee.

We have been given a unique opportunity to improve our building to make it accessible to a broader community, improve our office and workspace, and enhance our space for meetings and fellowship of the Congregation and the wider community.



### **FAITHFUL FOOTPRINTS and GREENING INITIATIVES 2021**

The United Church of Canada Faithful Footprints program helps congregations reduce their carbon footprint. The United Church has committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 80% across Canada by 2050. This program offers its Congregations grants towards energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

When maintenance was required over the past ten years, RCMUC opted for green solutions including high efficiency furnaces, orderly replacement of fluorescent lighting as tubes failed, and a new roof with high-quality shingles. This year we are very grateful that we received a Faithful Footprints grant, which has allowed us to accelerate and complete our greening initiatives.

First, we had to prepare an energy audit. The Property Guys (aka Property and Maintenance Committee) and the Building Committee collectively had the expertise to conduct a DIY Energy Audit. In addition to participating in a solar panel project with Bow Valley Green Energy Cooperative (BVGEC), our team identified several other projects that would contribute to energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Faithful Footprints agreed to contribute 2/3 of the cost of these projects for a total of \$23,350.00. The Town of Canmore also funded \$1,250.00 for our solar panel project. The Province of Alberta contributed a total of \$2,340.00 towards the LED Exit signs, the conversion of fluorescent lights to LED, and insulating the duct in the crawl space under the Sanctuary.

Three months after energizing the 30 solar panels, we produced 1,590-kilowatt hours of electricity. That output is roughly the equivalent of the electrical consumption of one (1) Alberta home for three (3) months. The panels have offset the equivalent of 900 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> or the equivalent of 400 litres of gasoline. Imagine the energy production during the spring and summer months! We own 49% of the power produced by our solar panels. We buy the balance from BVGEC, which covers all transmission and maintenance costs. BVGEC uses the “profit” to fund more solar panel projects in the Bow Valley, reducing more greenhouse emissions in our neighbourhood.

There are intangible benefits. The addition of LED lighting has made Gordon Hall and offices warmer and more inviting. For aging eyes, LED lighting facilitates easier reading. The most noticeable difference has been improved air quality with the Heat Recovery Ventilation system. Our staff appreciates the fresh, filtered air, especially given the decrease in indoor humidity, which we experienced this past summer with high temperatures and forest fire smoke. We believe that the days of a cold Narthex and uneven heat in the Sanctuary are now past because of our improvements to airflow and insulation of ducts. Other “low hanging fruit” completed during the past year included duct cleaning, solar-powered outdoor lights, Energuide appliances, and smart thermostats. We are proud that all of these initiatives cost the Congregation less than \$9,000.00.

At the end of next year, Faithful Footprints will provide us with an updated performance report measuring the difference in our energy use compared to the energy baseline report based on earlier years. We will then be able to calculate the financial savings arising from this expenditure. We will also be able to quantify the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions we can expect for years to come.

### HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Heritage Committee is teaming up with the Canmore Museum utilizing its *Places that Matter* and its *Stories That Matter* webpages as a platform to store and make available to the wider community stories, photos, and objects which tell the stories of Ralph Connor Memorial United Church and the people, events and things that help define who we are as a community of faith in Canmore since the arrival of Rev. Charles Gordon, aka Ralph Connor as a young missionary in 1889. We will be assisted by one of our congregants, Ron Ullrich, Executive Officer, and his talented team. Visit the Canmore Museum website to see the exciting projects that are been undertaken.

This is particularly exciting because the opportunity for us to contribute is boundless. To date, we have submitted a short history of the Church and a short biography of Ralph Connor complete with photos. The beauty of the digital platform is that we can add biographies of our Ministers, architectural details of the Sanctuary, history of the memorial windows, the Church as a community hub, and the backstories of our artifacts such as our baptismal bowl. As photos and stories emerge our pages can grow.

There are many other ways to tell our stories. We can open our Sanctuary to visitors during Miners' Day, Open Doors programs, and develop storyboards to deepen the visitor experience as they tour our Church and its grounds. One of the programs being developed by the Museum is "Canmore Chronicles", a selection of "brisk theatrical presentations" that visitors can choose from. Each performance can provide entertaining insights into the fascinating story of RCMUC. We have the talent in our congregation as demonstrated by our Christmas and Easter pageant. We are only constrained by our time and talents.

Submitted by: Karen Fraser

### WIDER CHURCH

#### Chinook Winds Region Highlights

Greg Wooley, Dave Somerville and Mary Shearer represent Ralph Connor at the Region Level. We have not had a person-to-person meeting over the past two years and perhaps 2022 with also be online too.

The regional office is in Okotoks. Rev Stephen Harper is the new Minister of Pastoral Relations. There are some full time regional staff and some staff who work for a number of regions and staff who work at the national level. The “Executive” of the region is elected at the AGM and are volunteers. Presiding Officer is Rev. Vicki McFee.

Chinook Winds Region (Southern AB) and Pacific Mountain Region (BC) work closely together under the leadership of Executive Minister Treena Duncan. Treena continues to lead both regions very successfully through the Covid Pandemic. Pacific Mountains is a large region on a firm financial footing with many staff at the regional level. We are fortunate to be associated with them. They fund a number of programs and events in which we are included.

Over the past year Ralph Connor has received very good service from Chris Mah Poy in children, youth and young adult programming and Indigenous Relations and Zoom meetings. He works for both regions. Rev. Joel Den Haan has provided excellent leadership as we work through the joining of Ralph Connor and Rundle churches. Tony Snow, Indigenous Lead for our region, has produced spiritual resources, national Indigenous connections and online church services. He has visited Ralph and Rundle a number of times.

#### National United Church/General Council Highlights

The Very Reverend Richard Bott is our moderator and Rev. Michael Blair is the General Secretary. They are leading the church in deep understanding of who we are and what we should become. The recommendations of this effort will be available in 2022. General Council has provided many online sessions on a wide variety of topic to seek input and keep churches and ministerial staff up to date.

*On the Financial side, the information sharing and support provided by the United Church of Canada and our Chinook Winds Region have also been instrumental in helping Ralph Connor to identify and secure significant Grants funding available to support our Mission ex) \$100,000 Federal Building Accessibility Grant; \$20,000 CEBA Federal pandemic support grant; \$4,000 Government of Alberta COVID expenses grant for Faith Based charities; and Faithful Footprints grant funding to support Ralph Connor’s environmental stewardship initiatives*

I (Mary) have been a lay member of the National Council since 2017. Covid resulted in the cancellation of national gathering so we were asked to say on. However in July 2022 the General Council gathering will be held in Calgary or online and my term will end. My connection has served Ralph Connor well as I have been well informed of national developments such as an increase in our assessment this year at the national level. I have also monitored many of the national newsletters and passed on information to members of our council as needed.

Submitted by Mary Shearer and Dave Somerville



### LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS

First I want to thank our Indigenous neighbours the Stoney Nakoda Nation for being receptive and welcoming to Ralph Connor United Church. We are gradually learning to consult with them and get their input as we learn to walk together.

Early in the year we participated in a letter writing campaign to demand changes in the new Alberta Social Studies Curriculum. This curriculum is now under review.

The discovery of unmarked graves on the sites of residential schools in May sparked more true public interest in Residential Schools than any other recent event. Ralph Connor reacted quickly by lowering our flag and setting up a display of children's shoes with information. In June Orange Shirt Day was declared a national holiday - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

During September the committee developed a month long campaign to raise awareness both in our congregation and the community. The church was stunningly decorated. Every Sunday Ralph Connor Members stood on Main Street to educate people about indigenous issues. Orange ribbon pins, bookmarks and information sheets were distributed to anyone interested. Gloria Snow joined us for one Sunday. We estimate that over 400 people of all ages stopped to learn more or tell their story.

A book study was organized for church members using the book *These Mountains are Our Sacred Places* by Chief John Snow.

We participated again with Morley Christmas. Church members went to Morley to help assemble Christmas Hampers distributed by the Morley Food Bank. Not everyone is eligible to receive one of these hampers. Especially, elders once they receive OAS cheques. So... we raised money to make sure these seniors received hampers. Mittens, toques, lap blankets, prayer shawls and scarves were also delivered to Morley.

I want to thank the whole congregation for your continued interest and stewardship in Living into Right Relations. We operate on an as-need basis. Committee members are Donna and Marshall Kennedy, Linda Bolen, Marg Suurallik, Sue Murray, Alexine Murray, Joy McMann and Judy Archer act as consultants.

Submitted by: Mary Shearer and Dave Somerville



### MISSION AND SERVICE (OUTREACH)

There are many outreach initiatives as part of the Mission of Ralph Connor. We take seriously the third point in our Mission Statement.

- **to reach out and become an agent for social justice in our neighbourhood and in the global community.**

You will read in other areas of the Annual Report about initiatives such as CYAN, High Strung Ukulele, Prayer Shawl, Benevolent Fund, Green Initiatives, Dessert Cooks, Indigenous Initiatives, Evensong, online services, prayer circles, Thrift Store at Rundle and the list goes on. Many in our congregations are also involved in community service initiatives in the greater community.

I want comment on our role with Mission and Service at the National level. When the United Church Mission and Service Unit send out appeals for a Hurricane in Haiti or the needs for Covid vaccinations in Africa, we respond. This is not reflected in our budget. Some give monthly donations to KAIROS, a social justice wing of the United Church or subscribe and donate to Broadview. If you want more information about Broadview or KAIROS please contact me, [shearermmary04@gmail.com](mailto:shearermmary04@gmail.com).

Our annual givings this year to Mission and Service were over \$14,000. For a church of our size our givings are very generous and we have been honoured for this. These monies are spent in variety of ways.

1. They are dedicated to maintaining chaplains for hospitals and universities, large urban missions and educational facilities.
2. Twice a year churches can apply to their region for M&S grants. We have received funding for some Ralph Connor projects.
3. Other monies are set aside to help our 70 partnerships around the world. One example is The Amity Foundation in China which offers a wide variety of programs to support those on the country's margins.

Thank you all for your generosity in helping others in need and acting as agents for social justice.

Submitted by: Mary Shearer



### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

This is the report of your Board of Trustees for the year ended December 31, 2021. There are six trustees (John Cranston, Randy Nichols, Barb Profitt, Jim Ridley, Carole Rowe, and Rev. Greg Wooley), who meet quarterly. Copies of the minutes are available for viewing in a binder kept in the church office.

The primary responsibility of the Trustees is to manage the portfolio of investments purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the manse. The manse was sold by the church in March, 2004 with net proceeds to the church of \$353,848. The income from this portfolio is provided to the church to offset a portion of the cost of the housing allowance provided to the Minister. In addition, the Trustees are responsible for maintaining the market value of the portfolio at the original value of the manse sale adjusted for inflation. This requirement was originally established by the Presbytery which ceased to exist in 2020 but the Trustees decided to continue to follow this guideline. About 40% of the portfolio is invested in short-term bonds with the balance in blue chip securities selected in concert with the Trustees' investment advisor. This is a shift from the original goal of 50% caused by the significant increase in the value of equity investments later in 2020. After discussion, the Trustees have decided not to take action to readjust this at this time. Part of the rationale for this is that good fixed income investments are very hard to find and have very low returns. A copy of the portfolio is available for viewing by any member of the congregation. In 2021, the Trustees were able to provide \$15,000 for Church operations. The requirement originally set by Presbytery was that we maintain the capital value of the portfolio at the funds received from the sale of the manse plus

inflation was not well defined. To establish a working benchmark, the Trustees decided that inflation would be defined as the Alberta All Items Inflation Index which is published by Statistics Canada. Based on this Index, the target value for the portfolio at the end of November, 2021 (newest available) was \$490,462.00. The portfolio value at December 31, 2021 was \$711,366.84. Based on the same Index, the minimum contribution by the Trustees to the church budget in 2021 would be \$12,474. In mid 2021 the Trustees decided that the amount of \$15,000 was getting out of line with the housing allowance established by the national church and set \$20,000 as the contribution amount beginning in 2022. Presbytery has been disbanded with the re-structuring of the national church and the requirement set by the previous Presbytery is no longer in effect. However, the Trustees have decided to maintain the policy previously established unless there is some good reason to change it. Investment markets in 2021 were quite good and the portfolio achieved a return of 16.2%.

The Trustees also invest monies on behalf of the church which are not subject to restriction, except by decision of the Church Council. The Trustees hold \$6,704.11 in Memorial Funds donated to the church by various individuals in memory of loved ones. This amount is in addition to memorial funds held by the church treasurer. This amount fluctuates with additional donations and withdrawals for various projects as determined by the Church Council. In 2021, the Trustees added \$491 to this fund to represent income earned on the fund.

The Trustees have also established a “reserve” fund to provide funds for unexpected needs relative to the church building. The sum of \$400 is added to this fund every month. The balance in this fund at the end of 2021 was \$9,606.72 after two withdrawals. The first was \$7,500.00 to repay the church for its portion of the Faithful Footprints program. The second was \$11,493.28 to fund purchase of the solar panels now on the roof. We have been assured by the church council that 2/3 of this amount will be repaid early in 2022 from a grant from the national church and will be returned to the Trustees.

In addition to the management of the portfolio, the Trustees have an oversight responsibility for the Church property. We report that appropriate insurance coverage is in place and that the church is in good physical condition for its age. The Trustees continue to work with the long-range planning and property committees to determine the need for any future repairs and replacements for the church building.

During 2021, the current Chair of the Board of Trustees, John Cranston, gave notice of his intention to resign at the annual congregational meeting in 2022. After a search, three new Trustees were selected to add to the Board. Gus Campbell, Rick Hester and John Thorburn will be offered to the congregational meeting for appointment to the Board at the annual congregational meeting in January.

Respectfully submitted  
John Cranston



### **RALPH CONNOR and RUNDLE RCMUC AGM REPORT 2021**

Over the course of 2021, numerous Zoom meetings under the heading, “Rundle and Ralph Connor” (“R&R” for short) have taken place. Some of these meetings have focused on structural or financial considerations, while others have been focused more on the “people” side of finding a shared pathway for our two congregations. Participants have included Chairperson John Cranston, Karen Fraser, Ian Schofield, Dave Somerville, Dale Stanway, Tanya Sullivan, John Thorburn, Faye Forbes-Anderson, Sandy Penrose, Mona McIntyre (Ralph Connor), Marlo Reid-Gibson, Ian Brownlie, Allan Buckingham, Bill Fisher (Rundle), and Joel den Haan of the Chinook Winds Region.

Rather than attempting to recap all of these meetings, the following motion - which was passed by Ralph Connor Council in November 2021 and the Rundle governance group in December 2021 - outlines much of what has been accomplished by the financial/structural aspect of our R&R deliberations thus far:

*WHEREAS Rundle Memorial United Church, Banff, has voted in favour of pursuing amalgamation with Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, Canmore, at a duly-called congregational meeting in December 2020;*

*AND WHEREAS subsequent to the amalgamation vote by the Rundle Memorial congregation, leaseholds and business arrangements for the Preschool, Manse residences, Thrift Shop and other operations at Rundle Memorial United Church have been reviewed and updated to the satisfaction of Chinook Winds Region;*

*AND WHEREAS revenue analysis at Rundle Memorial has indicated that revenue stabilization and net positive cash flow will be achieved by end 2021;*

*AND WHEREAS the Rundle Memorial United Church Board has authorized an initial cash transfer to Ralph Connor Memorial United Church to assist with Ralph Connor’s 2021 operating costs;*

*AND WHEREAS a facility study conducted by Pinchin of Calgary has yielded a thorough understanding of predicted facility maintenance expenditures at Rundle Memorial, which can be supported with appropriate revenue planning from Rundle’s own operations without burdening Ralph Connor Memorial finances;*

*AND WHEREAS Rundle Memorial United Church, Banff, and Ralph Connor Memorial United Church, Canmore, have the opportunity to deepen their ministry and mission engagement throughout the Bow Valley by continuing to work together;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ralph Connor Memorial United Church and Rundle Memorial United Church establish a joint financial management group, comprised of equal representation from each community of faith under the oversight of Chinook Winds Region Community of Faith Strategy Group effective 1 January 2022.*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint financial management group consider financial operations at both locations, making recommendations as appropriate to each congregational governing body, with the goal to develop a business plan including projected revenues and anticipated major expenditures for shared congregational operations beginning in late 2022. A*

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*review of overall financial operations will be undertaken under the auspices of Chinook Winds Region not later than 30 April 2022;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should joint financial planning yield a suitable business plan for both communities of faith in light of the aforementioned evaluation, the congregations be invited to pursue next steps in amalgamation by 30 June 2022, subject to approval by Chinook Winds Region.*

Much work has already been done, and much work still awaits. For more information about the very encouraging progress made on the “people” from of our “R&R” efforts in 2021, please refer to the Minister’s Report in this AGM Report.

With thanks to all participants in this process, and hopes for the year ahead -

Submitted by: Rev Greg Wooley





### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS 2021**

Please find attached the 2021 special funds, profit & loss, and balance sheet for 2021.

Thanks very much for your generous donations this year.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mona McIntyre, RCMUC Treasurer

## Ralph Connor Memorial United Church

### Special Funds

January 1 - December 30, 2021

	CARRY FORWARD	CYAN	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>			
4095 Congregational Offering (Excluding M&S)			\$0.00
4100 Offerings - General		6,215.00	\$6,215.00
<b>Total 4095 Congregational Offering (Excluding M&amp;S)</b>		<b>6,215.00</b>	<b>\$6,215.00</b>
4104 M&S Total			\$0.00
4105 Mission & Service - General	1,743.00		\$1,743.00
4106 Mission & Service - PAR	14,523.00		\$14,523.00
4110 Mission & Service - Contribution	-16,266.00		\$ -16,266.00
<b>Total 4104 M&amp;S Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
4108 Embracing the Spirit	1,700.00		\$1,700.00
4109 Green Exodus	2,980.00		\$2,980.00
4115 Benevolent Fund	2,150.52		\$2,150.52
4119 Compassionate Fund	720.05		\$720.05
4121 CYAN Events		1,359.97	\$1,359.97
4122 CYAN Grants		18,800.00	\$18,800.00
4195 Prayer Shawl Ministry	1,251.42		\$1,251.42
4196 CYAN	19,632.60		\$19,632.60
4205 Legacy Fund	10,000.00		\$10,000.00
4206 Accessibility Grant	100,000.00		\$100,000.00
4207 Faithful Footprints Grants	22,487.28		\$22,487.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$160,921.87</b>	<b>\$26,374.97</b>	<b>\$187,296.84</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$160,921.87</b>	<b>\$26,374.97</b>	<b>\$187,296.84</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
5007 Ministry & Personnel Total			\$0.00
5075 Admin Payroll			\$0.00
5080 Admin. Wages		16,356.20	\$16,356.20
5081 Admin. CPP		582.31	\$582.31
5082 Admin. E.I.		248.37	\$248.37
<b>Total 5075 Admin Payroll</b>		<b>17,186.88</b>	<b>\$17,186.88</b>
<b>Total 5007 Ministry &amp; Personnel Total</b>		<b>17,186.88</b>	<b>\$17,186.88</b>
5670 Faithful Footprints	38,973.73		\$38,973.73
5672 Accessibility Expense	5,121.96		\$5,121.96
5760 CYAN Expenses		13,544.95	\$13,544.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$44,095.69</b>	<b>\$30,731.83</b>	<b>\$74,827.52</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$116,826.18</b>	<b>\$ -4,356.86</b>	<b>\$112,469.32</b>

#### Note

Carry Forward items include funds set aside for future needs.

Ralph Connor Memorial United Church		
Profit and Loss Comparison 2020 & 2021		
	Total	
	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2021	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020
<b>INCOME</b>		
4095 Congregational Offering (Excluding M&S)		
4099 Share Donations	40,592.79	18,864.30
4100 Offerings - General	38,288.52	43,685.08
4101 Offerings - Loose	450.00	938.87
4103 Offering - PAR	90,132.00	93,350.00
Total 4095 Congregational Offering (Excluding M&S)	\$ 169,463.31	\$ 156,838.25
4104 M&S Total		
4118 Healing Pathways		485.00
4120 Fund Raising - General	250.00	
4130 Miscellaneous Revenue	4,000.00	28,293.36
4135 Rundle Contribution	7,500.00	
4150 Weddings	-1,200.00	950.00
4160 Funerals	200.00	100.00
4175 Housing Allowance from Trustees	15,000.00	15,000.00
4180 Hall Rentals	2,935.00	4,410.00
4190 Seniors Program Rental		1,200.00
4210 Building Fund Donations	1,725.49	4,055.00
4480 Allocated Capital Gains		496.58
Total Income	\$ 199,873.80	\$ 211,828.19
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 199,873.80	\$ 211,828.19
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
5001 Denominational Annual Assessment	5,213.00	5,734.00
5007 Ministry & Personnel Total		
5008 Clergy Payroll		
5010 Clergy - Salary	50,940.00	49,124.00
5020 Clergy - Housing Allowance	30,360.00	30,360.00
5030 Clergy - Pension & Gr. Ins.	11,308.50	10,871.44
5040 Clergy - Education & Books	1,812.00	1,800.00
5050 Clergy - CPP	2,624.44	2,406.60
5060 Clergy - E.I.	1,050.57	1,011.37
Total 5008 Clergy Payroll	\$ 98,095.51	\$ 95,573.41
5075 Admin Payroll		
5080 Admin. Wages	19,983.16	18,060.00
5081 Admin. CPP	889.47	765.49
5082 Admin. E.I.	369.75	337.31
5083 Admin. Pension	5,515.04	4,048.07
Total 5075 Admin Payroll	\$ 26,757.42	\$ 23,230.87
5505 Musicians Services	20,827.47	14,267.86
Total 5007 Ministry & Personnel Total	\$ 145,680.40	\$ 133,072.14
5510 Music Supplies	280.22	322.17
5512 Piano maintenance	184.34	
5520 Pulpit supply	1,398.00	1,090.00
5521 Worship supplies	200.00	222.46
5523 Advertise	234.62	461.95
5524 Decorations - sanctuary		25.61
5525 COVID Expenses	565.16	5,065.59
5553 Outreach - Healing Pathways		136.22
5561 Christain Dev. - Sunday school		47.00
5615 Office supplies	1,217.98	1,455.61

## Ralph Connor Memorial United Church

### Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

	CARRY FORWARD	CYAN	NOT SPECIFIED	TOTAL
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalent				
1055 BMO Chequing Bank Account	5,000.00		62,103.74	\$67,103.74
1058 BMO GIC	18,304.00		121,696.00	\$140,000.00
1065 BMO Investor Line Account			6,661.86	\$6,661.86
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalent</b>	<b>\$23,304.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$190,461.60</b>	<b>\$213,765.60</b>
Accounts Receivable (A/R)				
Accounts Receivable			-785.00	\$ -785.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable (A/R)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -785.00</b>	<b>\$ -785.00</b>
1101 Trustee Investment				\$0.00
1056 BVCU Bank Account			32,196.56	\$32,196.56
1066 Trustee BMO Investor-Line Investments			43,569.01	\$43,569.01
1103 Trustees Tangerine account			0.84	\$0.84
1110 CIBC Cash Account			2,606.40	\$2,606.40
1120 CIBC Mutual Funds			74,127.76	\$74,127.76
1130 CIBC Equities			178,011.41	\$178,011.41
1140 Bonds			233,509.83	\$233,509.83
<b>Total 1101 Trustee Investment</b>			<b>564,021.81</b>	<b>\$564,021.81</b>
1205 Interest Receivable			769.13	\$769.13
1210 Distributions Receivable			11,528.73	\$11,528.73
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$23,304.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$765,996.27</b>	<b>\$789,300.27</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment				
1850 Equipment and Furniture			59,078.34	\$59,078.34
1860 Building - Church Hall			242,635.00	\$242,635.00
5800 Gain/Loss on Disposal of Equipment			367.99	\$367.99
<b>Total Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$302,081.33</b>	<b>\$302,081.33</b>
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$302,081.33</b>	<b>\$302,081.33</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$23,304.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,068,077.60</b>	<b>\$1,091,381.60</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
1225 GST Rebate Due			-1,821.42	\$ -1,821.42
2101 Account Payable			152,469.32	\$152,469.32
2120 Accrued Liabilities			3,800.00	\$3,800.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$154,447.90</b>	<b>\$154,447.90</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$154,447.90</b>	<b>\$154,447.90</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Retained Earnings	17,452.47	-12,452.47	923,057.93	\$928,057.93
Profit for the year	19,632.60	-19,632.60	8,875.77	\$8,875.77
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$37,085.07</b>	<b>\$ -32,085.07</b>	<b>\$931,933.70</b>	<b>\$936,933.70</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$37,085.07</b>	<b>\$ -32,085.07</b>	<b>\$1,086,381.60</b>	<b>\$1,091,381.60</b>

#### Note

Trustee Investments are as of Dec 31, 2020 - to be updated during the accounting review.

Accounts Payable of \$40,000 is what we owe CEBA

Carry Forward is made up of \$23,304 Sabbatical

### MEMORIAL WISH LIST 2022

The 2020 AGM established a Memorial Fund Wish List consisting of:

1. white board
2. hanging mikes
3. comfortable chairs
4. coffee table
5. additional More Voices with plastic covers
6. healing pathways storage.

Numbers 1,2,3 and 6 were all purchased and installed, either in 2020 or 2021. For the coming year, the Memorial Fund Wish List consists of

1. replacement lights in Sanctuary
2. new door between the Sanctuary and Gordon Hall
3. additional More Voices with plastic covers
4. maybe...coffee table for Gordon Hall...

Prepared by: Rev. Greg Wooley



### 2022-2023 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### Council:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| ▪ Chair   | Ian Schofield                            |
| • Vice-Chair  | Paul Elfner                              |
| • Secretary   | Ruben Nelson                             |
| • Treasurer   | Mona McIntyre                            |
| • Ministry and Personnel  | Joy McMann                               |
| • Worship   | Janis Dougall                            |
| • Pastoral Care   | Dawn McPherson RCMUC / Ruby Fisher, RMUC |
| • Stewardship   | Rick Anderson                            |
| • Spiritual Explorations  | Isabelle Ramsay                          |
| • Outreach  | Karen Fraser                             |
| • Property  | <vacant>                                 |
| • Building/Heritage   | Ian Schofield / Paul Elfner              |
| • Church History  | Karen Fraser                             |
| • Board of Trustees (to be elected by the Trustees at Feb 2022 meeting) |  |
| • Wider Church  | Mary Shearer / Dave Somerville           |
| • Representatives Chinook Region  | Mary Shearer / Dave Somerville           |
| • Member at Large   | Cathy Harrop                             |

#### Standing Committees:

The following have agreed to serve on the RCMUC Committee for the 2022 year:

- Ministry and Personnel Joy McMann, Chair /  
Gus Campbell/ Bob MacDonell/ Alexine Murray
- Worship Janis Dougall, Chair/ Sharon Fish (RMUC)/ Sim Gascoyne/ Lynn Katarey/  
Donna Kennedy/ Tanya Sullivan/ Ann Thorburn/ Jan Tissandier
- Pastoral Care Dawn McPherson RCMUC / Ruby Fisher, RMUC co-chairs  
Diane Campbell/ Trish Campney/ Vicky Connoy/ Allison Edwards/ Sandy  
McCaig/ Cindy McKay/ Diane Travers/ Margaret Watson (RMUC)
- Stewardship Rick Anderson Chair/ Pledgefest Faye Forbes-Anderson/  
Mona McIntyre/ Carole Rowe/ Dave Somerville/ Trish Campney
- Spiritual Explorations Isabelle Ramsay Chair /  
Faye Forbes-Anderson/ Cathy Harrop/ Joan vonEngelbrechten
- Property Cam McMann/ Bill Rowe/ John Snoddy/ Rod Sullivan /<Chair vacant>
- Building/Heritage Ian Schofield/ Paul Elfner/ Karen Fraser/ John Thorburn
- Church History Karen Fraser/ Femmeke Holthuis/ Robin Slater/
- Board of Trustees (to be elected by the Trustees at Feb 2022 meeting) John  
Cranston, Chair (retiring), Randy Nichols, Barb Profitt, Jim Ridley, Carole Rowe, Gus  
Campbell (nominee), Rick Hester (nominee), John Thorburn (nominee), Greg Wooley
- Wider Church Mary Shearer / Dave Somerville
- Representatives Chinook Region Mary Shearer / Dave Somerville

### Outreach Sub-committees:

- Accessibility Project -- Paul Elfner
- BVRP -- Karen Fraser --
- Evensong -- Jan Tissandier
- FoCYAN -- Joy McMann/Ruben Nelson
- Affirming Ministry -- Chair Vacant/ Ali Buckingham (RMUC)/ Sharon Fish (RMUC)/  
Julie Fletcher / Shannon Mang/ /Sue Murray/ Alexine Murray/ Robin Slater/ Ron  
Ulrich
- Alpine Voices Threshold Choir -- Jan Tissandier-
- Living Into Right Relations -- Mary Shearer, Chair/ Judy Archer/ Linda Bolen/ Donna &  
Marshall Kennedy, Joy McMann, Marg Suurallik/ Jan Tissandier
- High Strung Ukulele -- Donna and March Kennedy
- Healing Pathways -- Sue Nichols/Vicky Connoy/Val Goodrow
- Ralph Connor & Rundle Financial Advisory Allan Buckingham/ John Cranston/ Bill  
Fisher/ Mona McIntyre/ Marlo Reid-Gibson/ Dave Somerville/ Greg Wooley/ Joel den  
Haan (Chinook Winds Region)
- Prayer Shawl -- Jeanette Aishford/Mona McIntyre
- Emergency Preparedness: Cathy Harrop, Isabelle Ramsay, Ian Schofield, Greg Wooley