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The following working definition of **Waterloo Ministries** was revised by the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission (JALC, October, 2011) and then again to include “merged communities” / category 6 .

Waterloo Ministries

The Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission defines *Waterloo Ministries* as those full-communion (ACC-ELCIC) ministries which give expression to the Waterloo Declaration (2001) in one or more of six ways:

1. Ministries where Anglican and Lutheran communities share facilities;
2. Ministries where Anglican and Lutheran communities share program;
3. Ministries where Anglican and Lutheran communities share worship;
4. Ministries where Anglican and Lutheran communities share ordained or rostered ministers;
5. Ministries where a community is served by an ordained or rostered minister of the full-communion partner;
6. Merged/combined communities.

Categories 1 - 4 are common to *Ecumenical Shared Ministries* (see page 2, following).

The ACC - ELCIC full-communion relationship adds categories 5 & 6 to the mix.

Waterloo Ministries Directory

Revised twice a year, this *Waterloo Ministries Directory* provides West-to-East, province-by-province, listings for Waterloo Ministries. These listings witness to the possibilities for local full-communion expression and assist Anglican and Lutheran communities to learn from and to support one-another.

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ECUMENICAL SHARED MINISTRIES

The following understanding of Ecumenical Shared Ministries (ESM's) is distilled from the website of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism (PCE) whose vision is the full visible unity of the Church — one body with many members. The Centre is located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. See www.pcecumenism.ca.

The ESM work is substantially underwritten by the Order of St. Lazarus whose Chaplain-General is The Rev. Eric Dyck (ELCIC), of Montreal. The Chairperson of the Ecumenical Commission of the Order is Mr. Scott Saunders (ACC). See www.stlazarus.ca.

What is an Ecumenical Shared Ministry (ESM)?

- ESM's are people worshipping and serving God in a united way while still maintaining their denominational identity and connections.
- ESM's are any combination of denominations sharing a program, mission, ministry or building.

What do Ecumenical Shared Ministries look like?

- Ecumenical shared ministries may be as simple as the sharing of programs and/or staff. Congregations may share a building but otherwise maintain their own denominational ministry and services. Sometimes several denominations may be served by a single ordained minister and alternate the forms of Sunday worship. Sometimes several denominations may have one ordained minister and one common service. Sometimes several denominations share and maintain church buildings in a number of locations and rotate services. Many combinations are possible.
- Over the past several decades, *Ecumenical Shared Ministries* have become a significant presence in Canada. In some cases, a commitment to an ecumenical model of ministry is the primary motivation for collaboration. In others, declining membership or resources move congregations to consider shared or collaborative ministries. Small, isolated, or ecumenically committed congregations of different denominations may choose to worship together in order that they may continue as communities of faith in a new way. In still other cases, the formation of a new ministry in a community may prompt those involved to deliberately choose to form a collaborative ministry from the outset.
- In 2006, the Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Presbyterian Church in Canada, and United Church of Canada formed an *Ecumenical Shared Ministries Task Force* which collects and shares resources about ecumenical shared ministries.

Ecumenical Shared Ministries Handbook (2011)

- *The Ecumenical Shared Ministries Handbook* is prepared by the Ecumenical Shared Ministries Task Force. It is intended as a resource for those engaged in or contemplating the establishment of congregational ecumenical shared ministry, and those interested in learning more about the dynamics of ecumenical shared ministries.
- The *Ecumenical Shared Ministries Handbook* is available at www.elcic.ca/ecumenical/anglicans.cfm and www.anglican.ca/faith/eir/esm/.

POLITY AND MERGER

In November, 2017, the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission received a report from its Polity Working Group, Archdeacon Alan Perry, Diocese of Edmonton, convenor.

Initially, some wondered at the possibility of a one-size fits all model for Anglican and Lutheran communities contemplating some kind of merger or combined identity. While a single model eludes us, the report nonetheless offers a helpful window into possibilities for those communities contemplating union.

The report is published here in full with the list at the conclusion modified to include new ventures.

November, 2017

The Polity Working Group was formed in response to a concern that it is necessary to establish a model of congregational governance for joint Anglican/Lutheran parishes which satisfies the wider governance needs of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. In particular, the concern is that each joint congregation must be constituted in such a way as to be able to take its place in the governance of both an Anglican Diocese and a Lutheran Synod. The hope is that the proposal of a model for such a form of joint congregational governance will provide a coherent resource for dioceses and synods in forming future joint congregations without having to develop a governance model for each instance.

The working group analyzed agreements and constituting documents for nine joint ministries, including five from Ontario, two from British Columbia and one each from Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Broadly speaking, the structure of these joint ministries can be categorized in two groups.

Five of the joint ministries involve discrete denominational congregations which co-operate under sharing agreements. Two include United Church congregations alongside Anglican and Lutheran partners, whilst the other three are joint Anglican/Lutheran ministries. In these ministries, each congregation retains its separate identity and incorporation, and is governed under its denominational polity. In each case the sharing agreement provides for sharing of a single pastor/priest. In two cases, the joint ministry is a multi-point ministry with separate congregations in separate buildings. In three cases, the joint ministry also involves sharing a single building alongside a single pastor. This type of shared ministry falls outside the scope of the concern describe above, although it might be useful to develop a template for sharing ministry amongst discrete congregations.

The other four shared ministries are truly joint congregations in which each ministry is a single, discrete entity, incorporated as such and inhabiting a single building with a single priest/pastor in charge of the congregation. This type of shared ministry is what raised the concerns that gave rise to the Working Group.

Analysis of the governance of the four joint congregations suggested that they are governed according to two models. Two joint congregations are governed by a congregational constitution based on the ELCIC model constitution for congregations. This model of governance will be referred to as the "ELCIC Model". The other two are governed by an agreement between the two founding congregations and the two judicatory bodies (i.e., the ELCIC congregation, the Anglican parish, the ELCIC Synod and the Anglican Diocese.) In addition, each of the resulting joint congregations has adopted or is in process of developing bylaws for internal governance. This model will be referred to as the "Midland Model" as it was first developed by St Mark's Anglican Lutheran Church in Midland, Ontario.

Both of these approaches have advantages and disadvantages. The chief advantage of the ELCIC model is that it is based on a well-developed, tried and true model for congregational government. The chief advantage of the Midland model is that it clearly brings together the synod and diocesan authorities as enablers of the new venture in mission and ministry. But both models are focused on the individual congregation, albeit for obvious reasons.

First Principles

In Anglican polity, a parish is a creature of, and part of, a diocese. It is subordinate to the diocese and subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese as adopted and amended from time to time by the diocesan synod. A parish participates in diocesan governance through delegates to synod, pursuant to the synod's constitution. A parish may not leave a diocese. Where incorporated, it is understood in law to be a subordinate entity to the diocese. Where parishes are incorporated, the most common regime is that there is a private Act of the provincial legislature incorporating all parishes in a given diocese. (In some dioceses parishes are not generally incorporated, or incorporation may be optional. Prior to the mid nineteenth century a number of parishes were created by Royal Letters Patent which created the Rector as a Corporation Sole.) A parish does not have articles of incorporation or a constitution of its own. If a parish is disestablished, its assets revert to the diocese.

In ELCIC polity, a congregation is a voluntary association of its members. The members form the congregation and the congregation then voluntarily joins the Synod. It participates in Synod governance through delegates to the convention, pursuant to the Synod's constitution. Although the congregation in joining the Synod voluntarily agrees to be subject to the constitution, bylaws and policies of the Synod, it may also voluntarily dissociate itself from the Synod thus nullifying that obligation. A congregation is incorporated pursuant to local provincial law and has articles of incorporation and a constitution. If a congregation is dissolved, the members determine what will happen to the assets.

Models of Collaboration

As noted above, there are two different models for incorporating and governing joint congregations currently in use. The common difficulty with both of these models is that most Anglican dioceses have no canonical mechanism for the recognition of a congregation that is not an Anglican parish. Thus, there is no obvious canonical interface for the joint congregation to participate in the life, mission and governance of the diocese, including exercising the privileges of Synod membership and fulfilling the obligations such as payment of assessments to the diocese. This is precisely the problem that gave rise to the Task Force. The obvious solution would be to adopt a canon creating a framework for a joint congregation which, though not being a parish in the usual sense, nevertheless functions as though it were a parish, including sending delegates to Synod and otherwise participating in the life, mission and governance of the diocese. The Diocese of Toronto's Canon 29 on Designated Ministries provides a model for such a canon.

There is a third possibility. Rather than forming a single joint entity, which would entail the disestablishment of two existing parishes, the parishes could form what in civil terms would be called a joint venture. In this model, each parish continues to exist with its incorporation, governance, assets and inclusion in the Synod/Diocese, but they agree to function as one unit, delegating day to day governance to a joint governing body. The joint venture can operate under a single charitable registration, and merge bank accounts. Financial reporting to and participation in the Synod and Diocese can be conducted from a common set of books on a proportional basis as agreed.

In this model, members of either congregation under the joint venture would understand themselves to be members of the joint venture as a whole and would be reckoned as both Anglicans and Lutherans for the relevant purposes of the Synod and Diocese. Though unincorporated, the joint venture would be understood to be a single congregation with the two original congregations providing the necessary interfaces to the Synod and Diocese. This model is similar to a sharing agreement between two existing but discrete congregations, with the primary form of collaboration being the sharing of a single cleric, but allows for closer collaboration, including the sharing of a single church building and joint worship and programming as one congregation. In effect, the two existing congregations continue to exist largely on paper, with the joint venture becoming the operative entity. The Diocese of Edmonton is in the process of developing a joint venture model of governance in collaboration with the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Forming a Joint Congregation

Whichever model of governance is chosen for a joint congregation, it should begin with a four-way agreement among the Anglican parish, the Diocese, the Lutheran parish and the Synod. This might be done in two stages, beginning with a Memorandum of Understanding as a preliminary to the final agreement. The authority, powers, rights and responsibilities of each of these four entities are affected by the formation of a joint congregation. The agreement needs to attend both to the positive reasons for collaboration, and the hopes and aspirations for the new joint congregation – on the one hand – and also

– on the other hand – to the nitty-gritty details of the substantial differences in our two churches regarding such matters as differences in the definition of membership and the recruitment and regulation of clergy, including licensing/rostering, salary scales, pensions and benefits, working conditions and clergy discipline. Questions of building ownership, insurance, parish reporting, differences in the ways parishes support the diocese or synod financially, and the need for dispute settlement mechanisms must also be addressed in any joint governance agreement. Much though one would hope that a joint congregation will never experience any problems or conflicts, the reality is that no congregation is guaranteed to be immune to problems. Both of our churches have developed tried and true mechanisms for dealing with almost any eventuality, but the details differ in large part due to differences in our two polities. Nevertheless, attention needs to be paid at the outset to setting out protocols for dispute settlement that will avoid triangulation or choices based on a perceived path of least resistance as a matter of expedience in the heat of the moment. Similarly, it will need to be clear how protocols for prevention and reporting of sexual misconduct will be applied.

Where it is desirable to have a model for incorporation and governance of a joint congregation, it will be essential to accommodate the differences in polity between our two churches. The ELCIC model constitution provides a well-developed system of parish governance, but also includes elements that would be *ultra vires* in an Anglican setting, including the congregation's role in discipline (rather than the diocesan bishop, who has initial jurisdiction pursuant to Canon XVIII), and language stating what the congregation believes (contrary to section 6(i) of the General Synod's Declaration of Principles). If this model for incorporation is chosen, it should be adapted to take Anglican norms into account, as it will be creating a congregation that will be canonically recognized as an Anglican entity. The most obvious solution is to address these issues outside of the governance document, and place them in the four-way agreement described above.

Finally, it is necessary to specify clearly what will happen in the event that a joint venture is severed or a joint congregation is dissolved. In particular there is a need to provide for the disposition of property, both real and personal.

The most robust system for governance for joint congregations will, on the Anglican side, require canonical amendments to make provision for the incorporation of joint congregations into the diocesan structures as though they were parishes, providing an appropriate interface into Synod membership and the other structures of diocesan governance. Given the variations in diocesan structures across 30 dioceses, it is impossible to suggest a single approach. However, Toronto's Canon 29 provides a useful starting point. On the Lutheran side, this does not appear to be a problem.

Sharing Agreement (category 5, above)

- St Aidan Anglican Church & Faith Lutheran Church, Kootenay BC
- North Thompson Ecumenical Shared Ministry, Clearwater BC
- Holy Trinity Anglican & Rocky Mountain House Lutheran, Rocky Mountain House AB
- Bread of Life Lutheran Church, St Philip's Anglican Church, Eastside United Church, Regina SK
- Parish of Bruce, Bruce Peninsula ON

"ELCIC Model" Constitutions (category 6, above)

- St David's Anglica-Lutheran Church, Orillia ON
- Good Shepherd Barrhaven, Nepean ON
- All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, Guelph, ON

"Midland Model" Agreement and Bylaws (category 6, above)

- St Mark's Anglican Lutheran Church, Midland ON
agreement and bylaws
- Holy Spirit of Peace, Mississauga ON
agreement with incorporated Anglican parish re-purposed

WATERLOO MINISTRIES

BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. **North Thompson Ecumenical Shared Ministry** (Lutheran, Anglican, United), Barriere & Clearwater, BC
British Columbia Synod / Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior
Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Trinity Shared Ministry

Address: 324 Grant Rd, Clearwater, BC

The Church of St Paul

Address: 4464 Barriere Town Rd., Barriere, BC

Leader: **Rev. Brian Krushel** (Lutheran)

Email: bekrushel@shaw.ca

Address: PO Box 421, Barriere, BC V0E 1E0

Phone: (250) 672-5653 (office)

Web: www.norththompsonpc.ca

Notes: For over 50 years the folk of the United Church in the North Thompson Valley were one church family – the North Thompson Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada. For many years the Pastoral Charge was made up of 3 points: Blue River, Clearwater, and Barriere. The Charge begins in McLure and goes to Blue River (a distance of almost 200 km). In the 1980s Blue River United Church closed and thus the charge became 2-point. In the late 1990s, Clearwater United Church sold their building and have been worshipping in St. James' Catholic Church since 2000. In 2008, Barriere United Church began experimenting with becoming Church of St Paul, recognizing the coming together of the Anglicans, Uniteds and Lutherans in town. (Serving Together as a Parish of Anglicans, Uniteds and Lutherans). This was made real on Pentecost Sunday 2010 with the signing of the Shared Ministry Agreement!

In the Fall of 2015, the entire Pastoral Charge became an Ecumenical Shared Ministry when representatives from the three denominations and the Pastoral Charge gathered to sign a new Shared Ministry Agreement. Clearwater United Church became Trinity Shared Ministry!

2. **St. Luke's Anglican Church and Church of the Cross** (Lutheran), Victoria, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of British Columbia
Category 2, 3

Church of the Cross

Leader: **Rev. Lyle McKenzie**

Email: pastorlyle@shaw.ca

Leader: **Jeanie Stann**, Minister of Community Care and Outreach

Email: bjstann@gmail.com

Address: 3787 Cedar Hill Road, Victoria, BC V8P 3Z4

Phone: (250) 477-6222

Email: lutheranchurchofthecross@shaw.ca

Web: www.lutheranvictoria.ca/

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Leader: **Rev. Daniel Fournier**

Email:

Address: 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, Victoria, BC V8P 2M6

Phone: (250) 477-6741

Email: st.lukes@shaw.ca

Web: www.stlukesvictoria.ca/

Notes: The partnership of Lutheran Church of the Cross and St. Luke Cedar Hill Anglican in Victoria includes the following expressions: shared worship: First Sunday of Advent liturgy of readings and songs; Epiphany Festival worship and meal, Passion/Palm Sunday, Easter Vigil; partnership together with St. Aidan's United and Mt. Tolmie and Camosun Community Associations in the Shelbourne Community Kitchen; partnership in an Annual Fall Supper; shared week long children's summer program; twice yearly joint planning meeting of congregational leaders; weekly/monthly shared communication of parish programs; monthly meetings of the pastor and priest

3. **Trinity Church** (Lutheran, Anglican), Port Alberni, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of British Columbia
Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

Leader: **Rev. Brenda Nestegaard Paul** (Lutheran)
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Address: 4766 Angus St., Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1S9
Phone: (250) 724-4921 (office)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrinityPort

Notes: We have been together in ministry since 2000, anticipating the Waterloo Declaration. Church Life and Governance are melded together at Trinity Church, other than for specific denominational issues, programs and concerns. Our worship includes a rotation of services from both Lutheran and Anglican communities, rather than a unified service. We are entering a program of re-visioning and redevelopment using a BC Synod program.

4. **Chetwynd Shared Ministry** (Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian, United), Chetwynd, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of Caledonia
Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

Leader: **TBD**
Address: PO Box 2200, Chetwynd, BC V0C 1J0
Phone: (250) 788-9530 (office)
Email: chetshared.ministry@gmail.com

Notes: *Our community has been an Ecumenical Shared Ministry since 1986!*

5. **Hope Shared Ministry** (Lutheran, Anglican, United), Mackenzie, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of Caledonia
Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

Leader: **Rev. Henry Dunbar** (Anglican)
Email:
Address: 96 Centennial Street, Box 1475, Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0
Phone: (250) 997-6368 (office)

Notes: Hope Lutheran Church is also known as Hope Shared Ministry.

6. **St. Peter's Shared Ministry** (Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian, United), Hudson's Hope, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of Caledonia
Category 1,2,3,4, 6

Leader: **TBA**
Email:

Contact: Greta Goddard (250) 783-5338
Address: PO Box 455, Hudson's Hope, BC V0C 1V0
Phone: (250) 783-5576 (office)

Notes:

7. **Faith Lutheran Church and St. Aidan's Anglican Church**, Kelowna, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of Kootenay
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Rick Schulz** (Lutheran)

Email: flcpastor@shaw.ca

Faith Lutheran Church

Address: 250 Gibbs Road West, Kelowna, BC V1X 2W3

Phone: (250) 765-0671

Email: faith.lutheran@shaw.ca

St. Aidan's Anglican Church

Address: 380 Leathead Rd., Kelowna, BC V1X 2H8

Phone: (250) 765-2747

Email: saintaidan@shaw.ca

Notes: Following upon a year of engagement and conversation, in 2015 the two congregation united in a single parish served by a Lutheran pastor. At present, each congregation worships in its own building with its own rite. The future holds much promise as we contemplate possibilities for greater integration of our worship life and program.

8. **King of Life Lutheran Church and St. John the Apostle Anglican Church**, Port Moody, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of New Westminster
Category 2

King of Life Lutheran Church

Leader: **Rev. Kathy Martin**

Email: kolpastor@telus.net

Address: 1198 Falcon Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3E 2M4

Phone: (604) 941-0552

Email: kolchurchoffice@telus.net

Web: www.kingoflife.ca/

St. John the Apostle Anglican Church

Leader: **Rev. Stephanie Shepard**

Email: shepards@telus.net

Address: 2208 St Johns St, Port Moody, BC V3H-2A7

Phone: (604) 936-7762

Email: stjohn7@shaw.ca

Web: www.stja.ca

Notes: We have been growing our relationship in the hope of finding ways to work together. We have tried pulpit and choir exchanges.

9. **Trinity Lutheran Church & St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church** , Delta, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of New Westminster
Category 2, 3

Trinity Lutheran Church

Leader: **Rev. Jennifer Wilson**

Address: 11040 River Road, Delta, BC V4C2S2

Phone: (604)584-0111

Email: trinitylutheran_church@telus.net

St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church

Leader: **Rev. Paul Woehrl**

Address: 11601 82 Ave, Delta, BC V4C 2C3

Phone: (604)594-8822

Email: info@stcuthbert.ca

Web: www.stcuthbert.ca

Notes: Trinity Lutheran has begun to establish a partnership of shared ministry with St. Cuthbert's Anglican in North Delta. At this point, we are sharing Maundy Thursday worship. We have formed a Syrian Refugee Coalition to sponsor a refugee family. The coalition includes Trinity Lutheran Church, Crossroads United Church, North Delta Evangelical Free Church, and St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church. We will explore further connections in coming months.

10. **Mount Zion Lutheran Church**, New Westminster, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of New Westminster
Category 2, 3

Leader: **Rev. Marlys Moen**

Email: prmarlys@shaw.ca

Address: 930 Cumberland Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 3H4

Phone: (604) 521-0120

Email: mzoffice@shaw.ca

Web: www.mtzionlutheran.ca/

Notes: We collaborate with three Anglican churches through the local ministerial. This includes Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, Homelessness Action Week and an annual Lenten worship / learning event.

11. **Christ Church Cathedral**, Vancouver, BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of New Westminster
Category 5

Leader: **Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott** (Dean and Rector)

Email: pgelliott@me.com

A listing of other leaders appears here: thecathedral.ca/connect/ministry-team/

Leader: **Rev. Matthew Senf** (Lutheran)

Email: matthew@sasenrenovations.com

Address: 690 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2L1

Phone: (604) 682-3848

Email:

Web: thecathedral.ca/

Notes: Pastor Matthew Senf (Lutheran) serves in a part-time capacity as Assistant to the Rector, sharing in the Cathedral's ministry of Christian Formation.

12. The Anglican Parish of St. Aidan & St. Bartholomew, Gibsons BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of New Westminster
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Brian Heinrich** (Lutheran)

Email: sacerdotisbrian@hotmail.com

St. Bartholomew's

Address: 659 North Rd., Gibsons, BC VON 1V9

Phone: (604) 886-7410

Email: stbarts@telus.net

Notes:

13. The Anglican Parish of St. David, Delta BC
British Columbia Synod / Diocese of New Westminster
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Timothy Dutcher-Walls** (Lutheran)

Email: timdw@shaw.ca

St. David's

Address: 1115 – 51A Street, Delta, BC V4M 2Y2

Phone: (604) 943-4737

Email: Office Administrator admin@stdavidsdelta.com

Website: www.stdavidsdelta.com

Notes:

WATERLOO MINISTRIES ALBERTA

- 1. St. Peter`s Ecumenical Church, Slave Lake, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Athabasca
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Blessings Shambare** (Anglican)
Email: spshared@telus.net
Address: 508 7 St. SE, Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A3
Phone: (780) 849-3628

Notes: This community boasts over 30 years of ecumenical shared ministry (Lutheran, Anglican, United) in Slave Lake - St. Peter's Ecumenical / Faith Lutheran. The position is vacant as of July, 2015. The community is looking for applicants with a passion for ecumenical ministry to take up the position being relinquished by a United Church pastor.

- 2. Parish of the Northern Lights - A Partnership Parish, Boyle, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Athabasca
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Chris Boyce** (Anglican; interim)
Email: priestnl@telus.net
Phone: (780) 689-3014
Address: Box 629, Boyle, AB T0A 0M0
St. Andrew's Anglican / Zion Lutheran Colinton
Phone: (780) 675-9750
St. Paul's, Boyle
St. Thomas, Perryvale
Christ Church, Wandering River
Web: www.parishnorthernlights.org

Notes: We are blessed to be a growing parish of three Anglican and one Anglican/ Lutheran congregations. We pray you will feel at home here. If you are considering a new place of worship or a relocation to our area, we would love to have you be our guest and a member of our family. When you visit our parish, you will find: caring congregations that will gladly welcome you; preaching/teaching that is centered on the Word of God; a place to belong.

- 3. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lethbridge, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Calgary
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Tom Peterson**
Email: pastor.tom@shaw.ca
Address: 2406 11 Ave S Lethbridge, AB T1K 0K8
Phone: (403) 328-3445
Email: good.shepherd@shaw.ca
Web: www.lutheranchurchofthegoodshepherd.weebly.com/

Notes: An Anglican cleric provides occasional pulpit supply.

4. **All Saints Anglican Church**, Cochrane, AB
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Calgary
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Greg Clark**
Honourary Assistant: **Rev. Faith Brace** (Lutheran)
Email: fbrace@telusplanet.net

Address: All Saints, Box 1043, Cochrane, AB T4C 1B1
Web: www.allsaintscochrane.org

Notes: In 2015 we narrowed our focus to five key areas including Spiritual Growth, Small Groups, Hospitality/Invitation, Mission/Service, Children/Youth.

5. **Partners in Christ** (Holy Trinity Anglican Church & Rocky Mountain Evangelical Lutheran Church), Rocky Mountain House, AB
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Calgary
Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Leader: **Rev. Dr. Chris Nojonen** (Lutheran)
Email: revchris@shaw.ca
Address: 5015 49 St., Rocky Mountain House, AB T4T 1C1
Phone: (403) 845-3153
Email: partnersinchrist@telus.net

Notes: Congregations have a shared ministry covenant (2009) approved by the Synod and Diocese. Congregations have almost integrated but continue to exist as separate entities in relationship to the ELCIC & ACC.

6. **Grace Lutheran Church**, Bentley, AB
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Calgary
Category 5

Leader: **TBA**
Address: PO Box 298, Bentley, AB T0C 0J0
Phone: (403) 748-4455

Notes: Exploring future possibilities and alignments upon retirement of Anglican priest. Multi generational congregation offering a friendly, inclusive atmosphere that promotes God's love to all. Active youth group which shares ideas and energy with everyone and a senior contingent that encourages and benefits from their enthusiasm. Congregation supports and encourages attendance at National Youth Gathering and other conferences. We also support foreign mission and local outreach projects.

7. **Bethany Lutheran Church**, Lomond, AB
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Calgary
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Gordon Cranch** (Anglican)
Email: gcranch@telus.net
Address: PO BOX 238, Lomond, AB T0L 1G0
Phone: (403) 792-3939
Email:

Notes: Since 2010, the Milo/Lomond Parish has been served by Rev. Gordon Cranch, Anglican Vicar of Vulcan. On alternate Sundays, he travels from Vulcan to either of Milo or Lomond for a 9 am service, returning to Vulcan for an 11 am service. At least once a year, each parish hosts a combined service so that people in all of the churches may get to know one another.

- 8. Hope Lutheran Church, Milo, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Calgary
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Gordon Cranch** (Anglican)
Email: gcranch@telus.net
Address: PO BOX 31, Milo, AB T0L 1L0
Phone: (403) 599-3770 (treasurer)
Email: mccordnelson@gmail.com

Notes: Since 2010, the Milo/Lomond Parish has been served by The Rev. Gordon Cranch, Anglican Vicar of Vulcan. On alternate Sundays, he travels from Vulcan to either of Milo or Lomond for a 9 am service, returning to Vulcan for an 11 am service. At least once a year, each parish hosts a combined service so that people in all of the churches may get to know one another.

- 9. Grace Lutheran, Hinton**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Doug Heine** (Lutheran)
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Email: gracelth@telus.net

Notes: The community serves the former members of St. Francis Anglican and calls itself “Grace Church – a Faith Community of Lutherans and Anglicans”.

- 10. St. John the Evangelist Church** (Anglican, Lutheran), Cold Lake, AB
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Donna Gauthier** (Anglican), deacon-in-charge
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Leader: **Rev. Doug Giles** (Lutheran), honorary assistant
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Phone: (780) 594-3871
Web: www.st-john-the-evangelist-cold-lake.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/StJohn-the-Evangelist-Anglican-Church/314027195406136

Notes: We are a welcoming, Christ-centered church located in downtown Cold Lake. We live out our faith in God through community outreach, worship, and fellowship.

- 11. Grace Lutheran and St. Catherine's Anglican Churches, Edson, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev Keith Denman** (interim)
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Grace Lutheran Church, Edson
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Phone: (780) 723-4366
Email: edsongrace@gmail.com

St. Catherine Anglican Church, Edson
Address: PO Box 6457, 617 50th Street, Edson, AB T7E 1T8
Phone: (780) 723-3157
Email: edsonanglican@gmail.com

Notes: Grace Lutheran and St. Catherine's Anglican Churches in Edson, AB are worshipping together every Sunday. Our congregations have almost finished a governance document that outlines how a joint ministry will work within the existing Anglican and Lutheran structures. This may be completed fairly soon. Our goal is ultimately to become one congregation gathered in a single building.

- 12. Trinity Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Edmonton, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 2

Trinity Lutheran Church

Leader: **Rev. Ingrid Dorschel**
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Web: www.trinity-lutheran.ab.ca/

Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Leader: **Rev. Christopher Pappas**
Address: 10037-84th Ave, Edmonton, AB T6E 2G6
Phone: (780) 433-5530
Web: www.holytrinity.ab.ca/

Notes: Lively interaction with regular pulpit exchanges, etc.

- 13. St. Mary's Anglican Church, Ponoka, AB**
Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 5

St. Mary's Anglican Church

Leader: **Rev. Donna Willer**
Honourary Assistant: **Rev. Marty Tuer** (Lutheran; Chaplain Spiritual Care Services, Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury, Ponoka, AB)
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Parish Address: 5120 – 49 Avenue, Ponoka, AB T4J 1J1
Parish Phone: (403) 783-4329
Email: stmaryspon@telus.net

Web: <http://www.stmarysanglicanponoka.com>

Notes: For over 100 years, St. Mary's church has been a vibrant worshipping community in the town of Ponoka. We are an Anglican church and part of the Diocese of Edmonton. As Anglicans, our worship revolves around the reading of scripture, prayer, singing and the sacraments. We believe that God has revealed his love for the world through His Son, Jesus Christ, and we gather together to thank God for this love and so that we might be shaped, strengthened and encouraged by God

14. Christ Anglican Church, Edmonton, AB

Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 5

Christ Anglican Church

Leader: **Rev. Susan Oliver** (Rector)

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Leader: **Rev. Nick Trussell** (Associate Priest)

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Leader: **Rev. Martin Garber-Conrad** (Lutheran; Hon. Assistant; Edmonton Community Foundation)

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Address: 12116 102 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB

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Email: admin@christchurchedm.ca

Web: <http://www.christchurchedmonton.org/>

Notes: Christ Church is a community of people who follow Jesus and seek to bring his peace to the places where we live.

15. Faith Country Shared Ministry, Forestburg, AB

Synod of Alberta and the Territories / Diocese of Edmonton
Category 5

Faith Country Shared Ministry

Address: PO Box 872, Forestburg, AB T0B 1N0

Phone: (780) 582-2140

Leader: **Rev. Rick Laurendeau** (Lutheran)

Email: pastor@fcsm.ca

Web: www.fcsm.ca

St. John's Anglican Church

Address: 4604-50 Street, Sedgewick, AB T0B 4C0

Notes: The Faith County Shared Ministry FCSM is a three-point partnership of Hope Lutheran Church in Forestburg; St. John's Anglican Church in Sedgewick; and Trinity Lutheran Church in Loughheed, Alberta.

WATERLOO MINISTRIES SASKATCHEWAN

The Diocese of Qu'Appelle has opened its doors to the Saskatchewan Synod (offices in Saskatoon) affording Bishop Sid Haugen office space in the Diocesan offices in Regina.

1. **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, Duval, SK and **St. Martin Anglican Church**, Raymore, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Dr. Dennis Lueck** (Lutheran)

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Duval, SK

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Govan, SK

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Phone:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Quinton, SK

Address:

Phone:

St. Martin Anglican Church, Raymore, SK

Email: hpbenson@aski.ca

Address: 300 Queen St., Raymore, SK S0G 1G0

Phone: (306) 364-2150

Notes: Govan, Duval and Quinton Lutheran congregations are in a covenant relationship with the Anglican congregation in Raymore.

2. **Christ Lutheran & Anglican Church**, Kipling, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **TBD**

Email:

Office Administrator: **Jamie Svenson**

Address: PO Box 60, Kipling, SK S0G 2S0

Email: pipestoneparish@sasktel.net

Phone: (306) 736-8268

Notes: Christ Lutheran has received the Anglican members of a former Anglican parish, now closed.

3. **Melville Anglican Lutheran Ecumenical Community**, Melville, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Category 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Kim Sherwin** (Lutheran)

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Phone: (306) 728-2551
Office secretary: Gaylene Matthews
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Phone: 306-728-5764
Email: sp.pastor@sasktel.net
Web: www.stpauls100.citymax.com

Notes: Covenant relationship.

4. **Living Spirit Centre** (Anglican, Lutheran, United), Regina, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Categories: 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Pastor Stewart Miller** (Lutheran)
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Leader: **TBA** (Anglican)
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Leader: **Diaconal Minister Russell Mitchell-Walker** (United)
Bread of Life Lutheran Church
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Office administrator: Cheryl Conly
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Email: breadoflife@sasktel.net
Web: www.breadoflifelutheranchurch.ca
St. Philip's Anglican
Phone: 306-757-3173
Email: stphilip@sasktel.net
Eastside United
Phone: 306-761-0556
Email: eastsideunited@sasktel.net
Web: www.eastsideunited.ca

Notes: The Living Spirit Centre houses The Arcola Wellness Clinic (1 social worker and 1 psychologist). The tri-parish have a legal agreement, a covenant and a rental agreement.

5. **St. Andrew's-Trinity Anglican-Lutheran Church**, Rosetown, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Category 6

Leader: **Rev. Lauren Miller** (Anglican)
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Address: PO Box 1116, Rosetown, SK S0L 2V0
Phone: 306-882-2202
Parish contacts : Rietta Fricke-Davis (306) 882-2297 and David Saville (306) 882-3938.

Notes: Formed in 1989, one of the first in SK. A welcoming community of ecumenically minded individuals who celebrate the richness of the variety within our common Christian tradition. Located at the centre of town, we continue to grow in our understanding of Christ's mission: that we are called to serve each other and to love as Christ has loved us. We have a strong lay leadership team.

6. **St. Paul Lutheran and Holy Trinity Anglican Churches**, Yorkton, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Category 2, 3

Leader: **Rev Heike Toeller**

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Address: 73 Smith St. E. (ELCIC), Yorkton, SK S3N 0H6

Phone: (306) 783-4266 office (ELCIC)

Email: st.paul@sasktel.net

Notes: St. Paul Lutheran shares pulpit exchanges and joint Advent and Lenten midweek services with Holy Trinity Anglican Church, as well as a shared Vacation Bible School.

7. **Anglican Lutheran Ecumenical Community (ALEC)**
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Qu'Appelle
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

St. John's Lutheran

Address: Box 303, Wapella, SK S0G 4Z0

Phone: (306) 532-4426

Notes: Occasional joint worship where a covenant including New Finland (Lutheran), Wapella (Lutheran) & Whitewood (Anglican) Churches formerly existed.

8. **Partners in Faith**, Spiritwood, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatchewan
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Nora Borgeson** (United)

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Address: 237 2nd St E, Spiritwood, SK S0M 2L0

Notes: Partners in Faith is a covenant relationship which includes Anglican, Lutheran and United partners. We journey together, seeking to uphold one another, respecting the denominational heritage of each person, caring for the needs of the greater community, and welcoming everyone into our fellowship. In recent years, the Lutheran and United buildings were sold and the United building was moved to the Spiritwood Museum. The community of Partners in Faith worships in the former Anglican building and is incorporated under the Charities Directorate.

9. **Partners in Worship**, Shell Lake, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatchewan
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Brad Wudrich** (United)

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Shell Lake Lutheran

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Phone: (306) 427-2078

Notes: Shell Lake Lutheran Church is in a covenant relationship called Partners in Worship with the Anglican and United congregations in the community.

- 10. Porcupine Plain Lutheran Parish:** including Redeemer Lutheran Church, Porcupine Plain, SK & Crooked River Lutheran Church, Crooked River, SK.
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatchewan
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **TBA**

Email:

Address: PO Box 821, Porcupine Plain, SK S0E 1H0

Phone: (306) 278-3029

Notes: Redeemer and Crooked River have incorporated the members of the Anglican/United churches in Porcupine Plain and Bjorkdale.

In Porcupine Plain, the Anglican/United church (Bethany-Good Shepherd) deconsecrated their church and the lovely old building is for sale. The manse was sold and the small elderly congregation moved over with us at Redeemer Lutheran some years ago. They have full voting rights at any council meeting and are very much involved in the life of Redeemer Lutheran / Anglican / United —not our “official” name, but the one we use now for anything community related. There is no covenant agreement with either denomination’s presbytery or diocese, but we come together to worship with a mutual trust in each other and God. I encourage everyone to keep in touch with and to support their original denominations if they so choose —and some do— both in Porcupine Plain and Bjorkdale.

In Bjorkdale, the United church was deconsecrated and sold, while St. John’s Anglican has heritage status. We try to hold at least three services there every summer so that they can keep their charitable status. Before they joined us, this older congregation worshipped for the winter months in the little United church building and in the summer at St. John’s Anglican (which has neither electricity nor plumbing). This Anglican/United congregation has been worshipping with us in Crooked River Lutheran now for over four years.

At both Redeemer and Crooked River, it has been a very cordial and gentle transition. We were all aware of how much grieving that these wonderful, but realistic, brothers and sisters were going through as they closed the facilities that they had long attended and loved. We helped them in whatever ways we were able with prayer, welcome and including them in all our decisions. The truth is, as well, that they all knew me. I had been serving these Lutheran churches and communities for at least 11 or 12 years by the time the transition was made. The Anglican/United family knew that we Lutherans had consistency —something which they had not known, in the main, for a decade or more.

We are all better, I believe, for being able to love each other and work together. We know we are all growing older and need to depend on our Lord, but also on each other as the body of Christ.

—BSG

- 11. Lutheran Theological Seminary,** Saskatoon, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatoon
Category 5

Leader: William Richardson (president; Anglican)

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Email: development.office@usask.ca

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Notes:

- 12. Christ Church Anglican & Trinity Lutheran Churches**, Saskatoon, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatoon
Category 2, 3, 5

Leader: **Mark Kleiner**
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Email: trinityelcic@sasktel.net
Web: www.trinitylutheransaskatoon.ca/

Notes: Christ Church and Trinity Lutheran share programming such as Sunday School, kids' club, occasional joint worship services and fellowship events.

- 13. P.A.L.S - Presbyterians, Anglicans, Lutherans in Service**, Biggar, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatoon
Category 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev Sarah Mowat**
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Redeemer Lutheran
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Phone: (306) 948-3731
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St. Paul's Anglican
Address: 206 4th Ave. E., Biggar, SK S0K 0M0

Notes: Redeemer Lutheran and St Paul Anglican have cooperated in ministry for a decade in separate buildings. We currently have a joint Sunday School and joint worship in alternating buildings with alternating liturgies month to month. We also have extensive joint programming.

- 14. Emmanuel St. Chad College** (Anglican), Saskatoon, SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatoon

Address: 114 Seminary Crescent, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X3
Website: www.usask.ca/stu/emmanuel
Email: emmanuel.stchad@usask.ca
Principal: **Rev. Dr. Iain Luke** (Anglican)
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Notes: Anglican, Lutheran and United Church colleges cooperate in theological education and formation for ministry, in the Saskatoon Theological Union. Emmanuel & St Chad rents facilities from Lutheran Theological Seminary, with both college communities worshipping together each week during the academic year.

- 15. Augustana Lutheran Church**
Saskatchewan Synod
Category 2, 3

Leader: **Rev. Marilyn Fowlie-Neufeld** (Lutheran)
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Web: www.augustana-st-timothys.org

Notes: After some years of sharing facilities, programs and worship with Augustana, St. Timothy's Anglican Church was dissolved in 2013. A number of Anglicans remained with Augustana and we describe ourselves as "*Augustana Lutheran Church – Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*". Augustana has made a commitment to provide regularly scheduled worship following an Anglican rite and the hope is to maintain an Anglican identity within the community and leadership of Augustana. We are a Reconciling in Christ community and offer welcome and hospitality to all.

15. All Saints Anglican Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Watrous SK
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Saskatoon
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Marie-Louise Ternier** (Anglican)
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All Saints Anglican Church

Address: 310 Main Street, Watrous SK

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Address: PO Box 700, Watrous SK S0K 4T0

Notes: It was a day of celebration in Watrous on Feb. 19, 2017 when Our Redeemer's Lutheran and All Saints Anglican parishes sealed our shared ministry arrangement with a formal agreement.

Our journey started in July 2015 when we saw an opportunity to worship and work together. This is not an uncommon practise in rural parishes where faced with declining membership and attendance. As a result both of our parishes are experiencing a renewed enthusiasm that has allowed us to plan multiple events which bear witness to a promising future. — Cindy Vanthuyne, Chair Lutheran Church Council; Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers, Pastoral Minister

The parishes, together with Bishop Sid Haugen and Bishop David Irving, drafted and approved an agreement that allows us to continue to work and grow together. Great things are already being accomplished and we look forward to a bright future "together in prayer."

Both churches historically have had a shared clergy relationship with other parishes from their own respective denominations from surrounding towns. In other words, both churches are used to sharing clergy with others. However, this is the first time both churches are sharing clergy with another church from a different denomination in the same town of Watrous.

It's been interesting to watch the development of this new relationship. People from both churches know one another well as they have lived in the same community together for years. They have worked together in business, socialized together in each other's homes and at civic events. However, this is the first time they are worshipping and sharing Christian life together.

Of course, there were some naysayers but they were in a minority. Although the catalyst to come together was out of necessity (declining attendance and finances), people from both churches are enthusiastic about the new relationship.

Some people may use the term “shared ministry” interchangeably with “shared clergy” but these are two different animals. The formal agreement is based on the idea of “shared clergy”. However, because of the previous healthy personal relationships that existed before the formal agreement was signed around the idea of shared clergy, there seems to be an organic evolution towards a shared ministry relationship between both churches whereby God’s people desire to worship, serve and learn together in Christ’s name. This natural development from the more formal shared clergy arrangement based on practical necessity to the more organic shared ministry based on love and service is a gift from God.

When I tell people that both churches are worshipping together, there’s always this element of surprise and joy. People, both in and outside of the church, are so used to seeing and hearing divisions in Christendom that when they hear two different denominations desiring to worship and serve together, people are blessed by the good news.

— *Rev. Nancy Yee, former priest in charge*

WATERLOO MINISTRIES MANITOBA

Synod and Diocese Share Office Space

On December 12, 2012, Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod Bishop, Elaine Sauer, and Diocese of Rupert's Land Bishop, Donald Phillips, officially announced the joint venture of shared office space. The two regional offices are now housed together at 935 Nesbitt Bay in Winnipeg. From the Diocesan website: "The partnership that exists between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is part of the life of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. Cooperation at the parish level is a living demonstration of the on-going rapprochement throughout our two communions internationally and throughout world-wide Christianity. While our respective heritages are treasured, we have come to believe that our future is not defined solely by our past."

Joint Venture! Anglicans and Lutherans in God's Neighbourhoods — "ALIGN"

This piece, containing excerpts written by Melinda Pearce (*italics*) of the ALIGN leadership team for the websites of the local Lutheran Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario (MNO) Synod and Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, describes the ALIGN project initiated in the summer of 2016.

Together, the MNO synod and the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's land, under coaching from Dr. Alan J. Roxburgh of The Missional Network, are trying a new experiment. ALIGN is a "missional" experiment, in the sense that our desire to experiment together is rooted in the deep conviction that God is already at work outside our church walls and in the neighbourhoods of our world. Another conviction is that there is a hunger out there to connect- and that this is the work of the Spirit.

It began with a vision: What if we invited Lutheran and Anglican people living together in specific neighbourhoods to come together and go on a journey together of asking "What is God up to in our neighbourhood?" And then, what if, in asking that question, we together tried out some practices and some ways of joining in what God was doing and we learned something from it?

The unique thing about this "experiment" is that we have gone deeper than our identified congregational identities. We are moving out of our church buildings and "into our living rooms" and public gathering places in our neighbourhoods. And we are doing it in the neighbourhoods where Anglicans and Lutherans live – regardless of the congregation in which they worship.

In the months since our September (2016) launch, our work has been identifying and establishing four neighbourhoods where we would begin the experiment, three in Winnipeg (Southwest Winnipeg, The Kildonans, and the West End/Wolseley) and one in the St. Andrews/Selkirk area of Manitoba. Each neighbourhood group includes people who identify as Lutheran and Anglican, both ordained and lay.

The four groups have begun meeting together in public spaces in their respective neighbourhoods. They have started to get to know each other and have begun the practice of Listening by Dwelling in the Word (on Luke 10:1-12) as a way of listening to God ... The other part of Listening involves listening to their neighbourhoods by listening to each other's stories of their experiences in their neighbourhoods. The people are also challenging themselves to learn to listen to those who are different than themselves in their neighbourhoods. Over the next year, each of the four teams will continue to meet monthly to continue to engage in Listening, Discerning, Experimenting, Evaluating and Deciding.

Ultimately, through intentional interaction, sharing in their local congregations, and engaging Synod and Diocesan leadership, the goal is to discover together and be grasped by God's mission in our local communities. And then, through ongoing reflection and learning from our experience, to allow that mission to begin to re-shape our churches to better equip them to respond to God's call in our world.

1. **Christ Church** (Anglican), The Pas MB
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Brandon
Category 5

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Notes:

2. **Grace Lutheran Church**, Birch River MB and **St. James Anglican Church**, Swan River, MB and **Trinity Lutheran Church**, Swan River MB
Saskatchewan Synod / Diocese of Brandon
Category 5

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St. James Anglican Church
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Phone: (204) 734-2724
Trinity Lutheran Church
Address: PO Box 884, Swan River, MB R0L 1Z0
Phone: (204) 734-3319
Email:

Notes: *We have begun a shared ministry agreement June 1, 2016.*
We share worship: Fifth Sundays, Holy Week, Ash Wednesday, July and August.
We share fellowship: Women get together for supper out, Wednesday morning coffee, pot lucks.
We share education: Bible Study, Sunday School.
We share in Mission: Quilt making, Carolling together, Coffee and pie days, bring care home residents over for tea.
We share resources: Pastor Bob.

3. **Church of the Cross** (Lutheran) and **St. John's Anglican Church**, Lac du Bonnet, MB
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Rupert's Land
Category 3

Church of the Cross

Leader: TBA
Email: TBA
Address: Worship: 253 McArthur Avenue; Mail: Box 265, Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0
Phone: (204) 345-8654
Email: luthldb@outlook.com

St. John's Anglican

Leader: **Rev. Ken Garrity**
Email:
Address: 86 McArthur Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0

Phone: (204) 345-2357

Notes: *We have had joint summer services for several years.*

4. **The Church of St. Stephen & St. Bede**, Winnipeg MB
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Rupert's Land
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still** (Anglican)

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Address: 99 Turner Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3J 2S9

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Notes: We feel sincerely blessed that our Church leaders took the initiative to work to blend our Lutheran and Anglican liturgies and congregations. We have a wonderful worship service, blended with extreme care and oversight by our team of Lutheran and Anglican pastors and lay people to combine the best of both heritages. Everyone in our congregation is sincerely and truly proud of our joint service and our relative strength as a worshipping community.

We are eager for others in both churches to learn the positive aspects of , and to follow our lead for future strength, in the love of Jesus and reverence for his Father our Lord God who doesn't want us to be small separated groups in our worship. The Church of St. Stephen and St. Bede shares pastoral leadership with St. James Anglican Church, Winnipeg.

5. **St. John's Anglican Cathedral**, Winnipeg (Anglican), Winnipeg MB
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Rupert's Land
Category 5

Leader: **The Very Rev. Paul Johnson** (Lutheran), Rector and Dean

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/StJohnsAnglicanCathedralWinnipeg

Notes: Built on the banks of the Red River in Winnipeg's North End, St. John's Cathedral is the birthplace of the Anglican Church in Western Canada.

6. **Interlake Shared Ministry**: St Peter Lutheran (Teulon), Gethsemane Lutheran (Inwood), St Cyprian Anglican (Teulon)
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Rupert's Land
Category 2, 3, 4

Leader: **TBA**

Email: TBA

Address: PO Box 94, Teulon, MB R0J 3B0

Notes: We have celebrated joint worship on 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month. Our congregations are discerning how we might shape our ministry into the future.

7. **Grace St. John's Anglican Lutheran Church**, Carman MB

Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Rupert's Land
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Trudy Thorarinson** (Lutheran)

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Notes: Grace St John's is a joint Anglican/Lutheran community, open to people from all backgrounds. Though small in numbers, Grace St.John's faithfully gives witness to the Anglican and Lutheran traditions in a small town context in southern Manitoba.

WATERLOO MINISTRIES ONTARIO

1. **Lutherans Together** congregations and **Anglican Deanery of Thunder Bay**, Thunder Bay / Pass Lake ON / Lake Superior North Shore
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Algoma
Category 2, 3

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's Anglican Church

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Notes: Lutheran Cluster / Anglican Deanery share programs which include joint twice-monthly meetings of clergy/rostered ministers; annual shared Ascension Day Holy Communion; bi-monthly joint Anglican-Lutheran Youth events. A Sunday "Lutheran Partners" prayer calendar incorporates area/national concerns of the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer. Volunteers from our congregations are assisting with 'Threads', the 2018 Canadian Lutheran Anglican gathering, being held in Thunder Bay.

Anglican Evangelical Lutheran Group (AELG), Thunder Bay

We are a group of women who call ourselves the Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group (AELG). We have been in existence for 7 years. What do we do? Our first focus is a bursary to break the cycle of poverty through education. We support social justice and poverty / homelessness reform with other organizations. As both our churches Canada wide are talking to the government about poverty and homelessness, we are keeping our churches abreast of what is happening locally and doing advocacy where we can. We will be announcing our sixth \$5,000.00 bursary recipient in June, 2018. We have kept in touch with all but one recipient and they are very happy to share with us how they are doing. At our last meeting, our 2016 recipient came to tell us how they were doing. They stated that they wouldn't have been able to go to college without the bursary.

2. **Hilldale Lutheran Church**, Thunder Bay, ON
Manitoba / Northwestern Ontario Synod / Diocese of Algoma
Category 5

Hilldale Lutheran Church

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Notes: Pastor Ringham was called to serve the English-speaking community beginning June 1, 2014.

3. **St. John's Lutheran Church**, South Porcupine, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Algoma
Category 5

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Notes: St. John's Lutheran Church is a welcoming congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada honouring our Finnish heritage while fostering the growth of the English ministry. Dedicated to spreading the gospel of Jesus the Christ, we open our spiritual home to people of all ages, serving our area and beyond through worship, pastoral care, study, fellowship, and mission.

4. **Lutheran and Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula (LAAMB)**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Leader: **The Ven. Perry Chuipka** (Anglican)

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Email: office@laamb.ca & bruceparish@bmts.com

Website: www.laamb.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Lutheran-Anglican-Ministries-of-the-Bruce-Peninsula/190042501020803

Trinity Anglican Church

Address: 491 Gould Street, Wiarton, Ontario

Christ Anglican Church

Address: 55 Main Street, Lion's Head, Ontario

St. Edmund's Anglican Church

Address: 38 Big Tub Road (end of Highway 6), Tobermory, Ontario

St. Peter's By-the-Lake Anglican Church

Address: Third Street, Sauble Beach, Ontario

St. Andrew's Memorial Anglican Church

Address: 9 Church Lane, Howdenvale, Ontario

St. Margaret's Chapel

Address: 133 East Road, Cape Chin, Ontario

Notes: These congregations work cooperatively and were served by Pastor Chad Honneyman until his sudden death, young in life, in the fall of 2017. Requiescat in pace.

5. **St. John's Lutheran Church and Trinity Anglican Church**, Aylmer, ON

Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 5

St. John's Lutheran Church

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Trinity Anglican Church

Leader:

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Phone: (519) 773-8031

Notes: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Trinity Anglican Church, both of Aylmer, ON, are now in a "shared ministry" situation. I am pastor of both churches (Well, "priest-in-charge" of Trinity.) I'm hoping to have more shared services and other events, but right now I'm part time at both congregations and celebrating two services on a Sunday, This was formalized at the beginning of 2018 and the agreement is set to last a year. – JG

6. **Church of the Ascension** (Anglican), London, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 5

Church of the Ascension

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7. **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**, Chesley
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 5

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Notes: For almost a decade, St Mark's has been served by an Anglican priest. He is "Fr Ed" to the community. With the closure of Chesley's only Anglican church building, and with the nearest Anglican community some 20 minutes away by car, a few of the Chesley Anglicans are gradually making their way to worshipping regularly at St Mark's.

8. **St. Stephen Lutheran Church** and **St. Andrew's Memorial Anglican Church**, Kitchener, ON

Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 2, 3

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

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St. Andrew's Memorial Anglican Church

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Notes: For several years our congregations have worshipped together on the Sundays of the summer holidays and for specific church year services (Easter Vigil, Ascension Day, Advent Lessons & Carols, etc.).

9. **Trinity Lutheran Church & St. George's Anglican Church, New Hamburg, ON**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 2, 3

Trinity Lutheran Church

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St. George's Anglican Church

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Notes: We share facilities for larger funerals; support and promote one-another's parish program; do community service together with Zion United Church (New Hamburg) and Zion Lutheran Church (Philipsburg); and gather for joint worship on an occasional and seasonal basis. In 2014, we offered a fully-integrated Lent, Holy Week and Easter program of worship, study and devotion. As of August 2016, Trinity joined St George's to offer a monthly Anglican-Lutheran Eucharist in the chapel/auditorium at Nithview Community.

10. **St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Trinity Anglican Church, Cambridge, ON**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 2, 3

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Trinity Anglican Church

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Notes: We share a joint breakfast on Easter Sunday. We also work together in weaving "milk bag matts" as an outreach ministry. The Lutheran congregation provides financial and material support for Trinity's Community Kitchen.

- 11. Our Saviour Lutheran and St George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound, ON**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Huron
Category 2, 3

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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Notes: We share summer worship among our congregations, rotating among them. We also gather together for worship on Picnic Sunday, Ascension Day as well as for other programs including an Advent series. (On Sunday June 11, 2017, Anglicans became a new, unified presence in Owen Sound through the joining together of the congregations of St. Thomas' and St. Georges' Anglican churches.)

- 12. All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, Guelph, ON**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Niagara
Category 6

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

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Notes: " We are living in a different time, and for this time we need to explore ways of being and doing that may look

different from our past.” *Willard Metzger ... Daring to Dream Again*

November 20, 2013 marked the beginning into a journey of dreaming between two congregations in Guelph; St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. David & St. Patrick’s Anglican Church. That evening a simple dinner invitation brought representatives from St. Paul’s to St. David & St. Patrick’s together to share a meal and entertain ecumenical ministry possibilities for the near future. In recent years, the two congregations had extended themselves into the occasional pulpit exchange as well as a yearly shared service. Despite this somewhat limited exposure, commonalities began to emerge particularly with the Church’s true mission and outreach into the community. At that November meeting, bold individuals were willing to dream differently. Propelled by possibilities, in addition to financial realities, a proposal to begin talks on a new congregational model between the two churches was agreed upon both on a local level and the Lutheran Eastern Synod and the Niagara Anglican Diocese.

That winter, representatives and clergy from both congregations began to define what that congregational model might look like. Although potential possibilities of ministry as one body drove many of the conversations, one could not ignore the “Lutheran” and “Anglican” labels. Some obstacles were very real. Although the National churches have been in full communion since 2001, as defined in the Waterloo Declaration, governance models are very different. Tradition and personal church attachments also played a role.

A few months later, in April of 2014, Bishop Bird of the Anglican Diocese and Bishop Pryse of the Lutheran Eastern Synod met in Guelph with councils, clergy, and wardens to present their views and answer a list of standing questions. Their support and resources would play a central role and anchor point to conversations moving forward. A formal task force between the two local churches was established and carried these conversations into 2015. Amid many questions, a basic education of specific terms and practices of both churches was begun. It’s quite amazing how many assumptions we carry. We had to learn a common language.

In the spring of 2015, both congregations formally voted to enter a two-year partnership agreement and St. David & St. Patrick’s moved all of it’s resources to St. Paul’s. This was determined after evaluation of both physical properties and abiding finances. During this time, both communities lived, worked, and prayed together with the hope of creating a permanent shared Anglican-Lutheran ministry that would result in a long-term covenantal and legal relationship. It truly was a time of an engagement between two individuals.

A dedicated transition team was established which provided a bridge between the two governance models and provided a hub where existing teams or committees could talk and plan. This team was facilitated with support from the Anglican Diocese of Niagara and the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Eventually a Joint Council was formed and ran parallel to the traditional governance models.

Following congregational votes on April 30, 2017, both churches were excited to announce that they accepted a formal merger agreement that would see a new church born to serve the people of Guelph. This new church is called All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. It was one to be celebrated as it created the potential for us all to dream differently in our ministry. It wasn’t the fact that we reached some kind of finish line but rather we were at a new epiphany, a new beginning point ... a new opportunity in mission.

— *Brian Janzen*

13. Faith Lutheran Church and St. James Anglican Church, Fergus, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Niagara
Category 2, 3

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St. James Anglican Church

Leader: TBA

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Phone: (519) 843-2141

Notes: An annual VBS has been held jointly in one or other of our facilities. We have shared Lenten studies and several worship services each year.

- 14. First Lutheran Church and The Anglican Parish of St. James and St. Brendan, Port Colborne, ON**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Niagara
Category 2

First Lutheran Church

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The Anglican Parish of St. James and St. Brendan

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Notes: Since September, 2013, our communities have offered a joint youth group called "Mainline Youth". We gather weekly during the school year for dinner and activities.

- 15. Good Shepherd Anglican Lutheran Church, Barrhaven**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Ottawa
Category 6

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Notes: Good Shepherd is a fully integrated Anglican-Lutheran congregation (federally incorporated) that worships as a "store-front church" in a mall. The community worships at 9:30 and 11 am.

- 16. Sisterhood of St. John the Divine**
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto
Category 5

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Notes: Established in Toronto in 1884, the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD) is a contemporary expression of the religious life for women within the Anglican Church of Canada, observing the traditional monastic vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Among SSJD's missions is ecumenical outreach. A number of Lutherans have participated in the community over the years.

17. Church of the Holy Spirit of Peace: An Anglican Lutheran Ministry, Mississauga, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto (York - Credit Valley)
Category 5, 6

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Notes: On February 28, 2016, Holy Spirit Anglican and Peace Lutheran Churches merged. Here is our story; a story of God's faithfulness: the creation of the Church of the Holy Spirit of Peace.

It has been just slightly over five years since the beginning of this story of God's amazing faithfulness in creating a new, merged Anglican-Lutheran community of faith in Mississauga, Ontario; in some ways, it feels as if it has taken far longer than that, but in other ways it seems like only moments ago that it all started. Here is a brief retelling of how it all came to be.

A beginning forged through shared need

Peace Lutheran Church, located for 37 years within Square One Shopping Centre, received notice in November 2011 that their lease would not be renewed in April 2012 due to the mall's decision to expand the food court. Deeply grieving this loss of the only church home they had ever known, the community nevertheless resolved to continue in a new space; after extensive research, the congregation realized there were no suitable affordable locations available. This, then, meant a turn to another option: renting space from another church. Given the existing full communion relationship with the Anglican Church of Canada, it was clear the logical starting point for the search was local Anglican churches. In an amazing moment of the Spirit's work, this procrastinating pastor felt strongly urged (nagged, even!) to immediately begin the task of approaching parishes; upon arriving at the first church, I learned that all of the area priests were gathered for their monthly meeting, thus allowing me to complete the work of asking about rental space throughout the whole city in a single morning!

At this gathering of priests was the incumbent of Holy Spirit Anglican Church, the Rev. Judith Alltree; she had almost skipped the meeting, feeling despondent over the financial challenges faced by her parish and unsure of how she could help the church make better use of their church facility and secure new tenants. A colleague (incumbent at the church which was the pastor's first stop, in fact) encouraged her to come. After hearing about Peace's need for a new home, she immediately approached me and said "I can't believe you are here and I am here today – we need to meet and talk about this some more." The displaced people of Peace needed a new place to worship – the struggling people of Holy Spirit needed a new community to share their financial burden and their space. Shared need was a good starting point.

We did meet – the very next day – and our scheduled hour together stretched to three as we both excitedly shared our hopes and dreams for bringing these two congregations together in one place. Not long after, each of us met with our own congregation’s lay leadership; then, we brought together the two groups of leaders to sketch out how this sharing of space might work. Motions were prepared for presentation at each community’s upcoming Vestry/Annual Meeting, and these passed easily. To celebrate the beginning of this journey together, we gathered for a joint service on the last Sunday in February 2012. A busy two months of packing, planning and organizing ensued. Then, on April 22, Peace Lutheran worshipped one last time in their Square One sanctuary, and that week moved to Holy Spirit. There, the people of Peace were warmly and graciously welcomed, as were their beloved worship furnishings – Reverend Judith insisted on creating a chapel in the rear of the sanctuary with Peace’s altar, ambo and stained glass cabinets, and invited us to hang four lovely hand-quilted banners on the front wall behind Holy Spirit’s main altar. From the very start, it was clear that we were to consider this beautiful space not just a temporary rental – it was our new home.

Change and challenge brought learning and growth

Reverend Judith and I had marvelous plans for working together in deepening the relationship between our two communities (and ultimately merging them, we thought, even at that early stage); sadly, we did not have the opportunity to bring them to fruition. The deepening debt of Holy Spirit, even with Peace’s arrival, meant they simply could not sustain supporting a full-time priest; Reverend Judith needed to resign, and so not long after Peace arrived we found ourselves helping Holy Spirit say goodbye to her. This ushered in a period of great change and challenge.

During the summer of 2012, Bishop Philip Poole of the Diocese of Toronto asked me to serve as Holy Spirit’s interim. The two parishes worshipped together over July and August. We devoted the first month of services to experiencing “full-on” Lutheran and Anglican liturgies, surveying worshippers each week about what they liked and what challenged them about the liturgy of the day. We discovered that there were no significant challenges identified in either liturgy, and that all worshippers shared a love for hearing Scripture read and preached and for singing hymns – shared key elements of Anglican and Lutheran worship! From there, I worked with a small group of parishioners from both communities to create a blended liturgy combining the loveliest elements of each tradition’s worship; we used that blended liturgy for the balance of the summer, along with hymns from both Evangelical Lutheran Worship and Common Praise. There was some resistance to the change, some discomfort with a non-Anglican presiding at the table, and a handful of departures from the parish – but the vast majority of Holy Spirit parishioners entered into this exploration with open hearts and minds. The people of Peace, still mourning the loss of their beloved home, could relate to the sadness of their new Anglican friends, and were therefore open to crafting worship that retained some favourite Holy Spirit elements (e.g. bell-ringing during Eucharist) despite their unfamiliarity to these Lutherans.

Fall 2012 brought the arrival of an Anglican interim priest for Holy Spirit, the Venerable Stephen Nduati, a Kenyan cleric pursuing his doctorate at Wycliffe College in Toronto. Father Stephen brought great wisdom and skill as a priest and leader; he reached out to the whole Anglican parish and gave them encouragement and hope for God’s continued working in their midst. During his time as interim, the two communities worshipped separately other than joint services at Thanksgiving and Christmas, but shared some fellowship, Bible study and outreach work.

Upon Father Stephen’s completion of his classes at Wycliffe at the end of February 2013 he returned to Kenya, and so Holy Spirit was once again without a priest. Bishop Poole appointed me once more to serve as interim, this time with the understanding that this interim would only last until the two communities had come to some conclusion about the viability of merger; Bishop Michael Pryse of the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC concurred. We agreed this process needed to be completely organic; the desire to pursue a shared future would have to emerge from the two communities over time, not be engineered by any church judicatory body.

During the spring of 2013, the two congregations continued to worship separately; I led Anglican services at 8 and 11am, and a Lutheran service at 9am. We continued joint Bible study and outreach, though, and members of the two congregations would often take time to chat between services on Sundays. We once again held combined worship over the summer that year, using the blended liturgy crafted the year before. In September, just after we returned to our separate worship schedule, I received an email from an Anglican parishioner; she reported that a

number of folks chatting in the parking lot that Sunday said they missed being together for worship, and were wondering why we couldn't just continue doing so. The desire to merge had, at last, organically sprung forth from the people of Peace and Holy Spirit!

Contemplation of Merger and Merger

Bishop Poole came for a town hall meeting with the people of Holy Spirit to explain how the process of exploring merger would proceed. The two communities continued to worship together, and the lay leadership of both communities took on the task of researching how to structure the merged congregation and craft the required merger document. The clergy and lay leaders of St. David's Orillia and St. Mark's Midland were extremely gracious in sharing their merger processes and documentation with us, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for all their help. Both Bishops and the staff of the Diocese of Toronto and the Eastern Synod also provided outstanding support along the way. Both congregations were given the opportunity to review and comment on the merger document and the proposed merged budget prior to the Vestry / Annual Meeting, held simultaneously in early 2015. On that Sunday after worship, each community held its own meeting up to and including a separate vote on the merger; once that vote passed with a sizable majority in each congregation, the two meetings became one, and the combined membership considered a merged budget for the balance of 2015.

From March onwards, the congregations proceeded as if formally merged, with all offering pooled in one bank account, and all expenses merged. Members were invited to submit ideas for the new parish name, which were given to the Diocese and the Synod; Holy Spirit of Peace, a parish favourite, was approved by both bishops. A final ratifying vote was held in late 2015; this time, the vote to officially merge was unanimous! The parish also voted to ask Bishop Philip and Bishop Michael to consider me for the position of incumbent, and they ultimately decided to do so.

Birth of a New Community

The Church of the Holy Spirit of Peace officially came into being on January 01, 2016; the long-awaited merger was liturgically celebrated with a standing-room only service on February 28, 2016, led by both Bishop Philip and Bishop Michael, with retired Bishop Terry Dance preaching and both Anglican and Lutheran choirs from neighbouring churches taking part. There is no doubt in my mind: right from the start in November 2011, the Holy Spirit was patiently leading us to this moment. Thanks be to God for doing this new thing among us! I pray that our story can inspire and encourage others to explore the tremendous benefits of coming together to love and serve God and neighbour with exponentially greater strength as a merged Anglican/Lutheran congregation.

—Rev. Susan Climo <sclimo@sympatico.ca>, *Incumbent Pastor Effective January 1, 2018, I serve in the Diocese of Toronto as Regional (Anglican) Dean for the Mississauga Deanery in York Credit Valley.*

18. **St. John's Anglican Church**, West Toronto, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto (York-Credit Valley)
Category 5

St. John's Anglican Church

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19. **St. Mark's Anglican Lutheran Church**, Midland, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto (York-Simcoe)
Category 6

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Notes: The Anglican and Lutheran communities have signed a legal agreement with the Eastern Synod and the Diocese of Toronto, and have adopted a constitution (2015).

20. **St. David's Anglican-Lutheran Church**, Orillia
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto (York-Simcoe)
Category 6

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Notes: This congregation, a union of St. David's Anglican Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Mission, came together January 1, 2009. It has a full-time Lutheran pastor, a full-time Family and Youth Minister, a blended liturgy, and a constitution based on the ELCIC model (the executive operates as the corporation for Anglican canons).

21. **Westside Lutheran Church and St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church**, Barrie, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto (York-Simcoe)
Category 2, 3

Westside Lutheran Church

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St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

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Notes: We share mid-week Lenten services and suppers. Pastor Anne is a member of the Anglican Clericus. We are looking at sharing some confirmation programming and in partnering around training events.

22. **Anglican-Lutheran Community**, Peterborough, ON
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Toronto
Category 2,3,4,5

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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All Saints Anglican Church

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Notes: Four Anglican communities and one Lutheran church shared ministries into 2017. Two of the Anglican churches have since moved-in together. We have looked at ways to share ministries of education, health and wellness, and mission. All congregations maintain their own autonomy but worship regularly at special services. The clergy retreat together annually.

WATERLOO MINISTRIES

QUÉBEC

1. Christ the Redeemer, Dollard-Des-Ormeaux and St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Pierrefonds, QC

Eastern Synod / Diocese of Montreal

Category 2, 3

Christ the Redeemer, Dollard-Des-Ormeaux

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St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Pierrefonds

Leader: **The Ven. Pamela Yarrow** (retiring August 2018)

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Notes: We gather together for Lenten worship and study and for some services during Holy Week. In 2013 we began an annual tradition: a shared Sunday worship service (at alternating locations), followed by a picnic lunch on the church lawn.

2. St. John's Lutheran Church, Montréal, QC

Eastern Synod / Diocese of Montreal

Category 2, 3, 4

Leader: **Rev. Eric Dyck**

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Notes: St. John's has had an ongoing relationship with the Montreal Diocesan Theological College (MDTC), an Anglican theological school and a founding member of The Montreal School of Theology in affiliation with McGill University. St. John's pastor teaches a segment on Eucharist to seminarians and has been host to Anglican seminarians doing their practicum or in-ministry year (i.e. internship). St. John's offers a Student Ministry which includes students from many denominations, including our Anglican neighbouring parishes.

St. John's hosts an Easter Vigil each year (for over 30 years) for the Montreal Ministry Area and with participating Lutheran and Anglican clergy, students from Anglican Diocesan College, and other ecumenical participants (e.g. Mennonite Church Canada or United Church of Canada).

St. John's has also hosted celebrations and commemorations for Montreal such as a Commemoration of the victims of the 2017 Quebec City mosque shooting and the joint commemoration of the Reformation 500 year in

partnership with the Roman Archdiocese of Montreal (“From Conflict to Communion prayer service”).

A concert series, “Serenata,” featuring professional musicians is a ministry providing top-level concerts to all for simply a free-will offering (www.sasj.ca). Community involvement is important at St. John’s with a Food Bank, outreach to the homeless, making space available for community choirs and more.

WATERLOO MINISTRIES NEW BRUNSWICK

1. **The Parish of New Denmark**, New Denmark, NB, including Bethany Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Ansgar Anglican Church and St. Paul's Anglican Church

Eastern Synod / Diocese of Fredericton
Category 4

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Leader: **Rev. Ralph Weigold** (Lutheran)

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St. Ansgar Anglican Church

Leader: TBA

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Notes: The community of New Denmark experiences occasional joint Bible studies and Sunday School.

2. **The Parish of Westmoreland**, including St. Mark's Anglican Church, Aulac, NB and St. Luke's Anglican Church, Baie Verte, NB

Eastern Synod / Diocese of Fredericton
Category 5

Leader: **Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand** (Lutheran)

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St. Luke's Anglican Church

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Phone:

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WATERLOO MINISTRIES

NOVA SCOTIA

1. **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**, Dartmouth
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Category 4, 5

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Notes: The pastoral team includes both an Anglican priest and two Lutheran lay leaders. We use a blended liturgy based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

2. **All Saints Lutheran** (Newcombville), **St. Luke's Lutheran** (Rhodes Corner) and **Mount Olivet Lutheran** (Upper Lehave) Churches, NS
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Category 2

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St. Luke's Lutheran (Rhodes Corner)
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Phone: (902) 530-3299
Mount Olivet Lutheran (Upper Lehave)
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Phone: (902) 530-3299

Notes: Our congregations share marriage preparation with Anglican neighbours.

3. **Anglican Parish of New Germany** and **Lutheran Parish of the New Germany District**, New Germany, NS along with **St Andrew's Lutheran Church**, West Northfield, NS (of First Lutheran Community Parish) and **Mount Calvary Lutheran Church**, Upper Northfield, NS
Eastern Synod / Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Category 1, 2, 3, 4

Anglican Parish of New Germany
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Lutheran Parish of the New Germany District

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St Andrew's Lutheran Church (part of First Community Lutheran Parish)

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Mount Calvary Lutheran Church

Leader: The Rev. Adam Snook
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Notes: The Anglican Parish of New Germany has overlapping boundaries with three different Lutheran parishes. A patchwork of shared ministry exists between these four parishes.

Transfiguration Anglican Church and neighbouring St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Newburne (part of the New Germany parish), share a parking lot as well as two services a month. They are at Transfiguration on the 2nd Sunday and St Matthew's on the 3rd Sunday, each according to the rite of the host congregation's tradition. Other special services are occasionally shared, and members of the two churches work closely together to explore ways to serve their community.

In the village of New Germany, Trinity Lutheran Church and St John-in-the-Wilderness Anglican Church celebrate Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday together every year, one service at each church. The host congregation provides the liturgy and leadership for the service while the guest congregation provides the preacher. Members of both parishes are also active leaders of Messy Saints, a twice-monthly, ecumenical after school drop-in program for school kids at New Germany elementary school.

In West Northfield, the Lutheran and Anglican churches are both called St Andrew's because of their shared history as St Andrew's Union Church. On the First Sunday after Christmas, the two parishes (Anglican Parish of New Germany and First Lutheran Community Parish) come together for a parish service at one of the St Andrew's churches (alternating locations annually). The host parish's rite is followed while the guest parish provides the preacher. These two churches are both frequent users and supporters of the West Northfield Community Hall, gathering together there for meetings, meals and fundraisers.

In Upper Northfield, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church has an ongoing history of cooperation with local Anglicans through shared Bible studies, cooperation in youth ministry and inclusion of Anglican clergy (from New Germany) on their monthly service roster.

The Anglican and Lutheran clergy of the area call freely upon one another for leave coverage and other assistance and are familiar with one another's rites and liturgical resources.