Annual General Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2026
Saint Andrew's (SA) Presbyterian & St. Paul's (SP) United (SP) Churches,
An Ecumenical Shared Ministry

Attending: Rev. Doug Blaikie (SA), Rev. Susan McAllister (SP), Tammy Coughlan (SP), Glynis Gremm (SA), Bev Bramble (SA), Patty Trail (SP), Cathy Davis (SP), Alex Cummings (SA), Sandra Steeves (Ecumenical), Ron Steeves (Ecumenical), Hugh Lautard (SP), Cindy Howie (SA), Marlene Howie (SA), Bill Paterson (SP), Lois Paterson (SP), Ann Raper (SP), Erin Webb (SP), Brad Webb (SP), Vee Mariner (SP), Mel McGuigan (SP), Barb McGuigan (SP), Brian Barnes (SA), Lois Eldridge (SA), Mary Stickles (SP), Cathy Simpson (SP), Alan Thorne (SP), Lois Walker (SP), Ralph Simpson (SP), Jeanne MacDonald (SA), Roger Miller (SP), Joyce MacFarlane (SP), Hugh Astle (SA), Helen Bagnall (SA), Rick Gremm (SA), Muriel Aiken (SA), Mary Hossack (SA), Ron Naugler (SP), Kendall Wright (SA), Heather Wright (SA), Mary Charters (SA), Jean Boudreau (SA), Shawn Meister (SP), Kimberly Keech (SP), Kathie Berry (SA), Andrea Allen (SP)

1. Opening/Welcome – Rev. Doug Blaikie offered opening words at 11:50 am by reading part of Paul's letter to the Phillipians. He shared how he felt it was appropriate to our situation, giving thanks to God for all our gifts. He reminded us that the One who began the work, will bring it to completion and encouraged all to practice gratitude, trust and grace. As one congregation, with two denominations, he turned to Rev. Susan McAllister who offered an opening prayer. Rev. Susan McAllister is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor representing the United Church during the absence of Rev. Michelle Armstong).

   Moved by Tammy Coughlan, Seconded by Jeanne MacDonald that Andrea Allen be the recording Secretary for the meeting. ***Motion Carried.***

2. Agenda Review & Adoption – ***Moved by Roger Miller, Seconded by Vee Mariner,*** that the Agenda be adopted. ***Motion Carried.***
3. Motion for Duration of Meeting – ***Moved by Glynis Gremm, Seconded by Erin Webb*** that meeting adjourn by 1 pm. ***Motion Carried.***
4. Ecumenical Assembly (EA) - Year in Review – Andrea Allen asked if there were any questions regarding the summary and having none, it was ***Moved by Vee Mariner, Seconded by Helen Bagnall*** that the Year in Review be accepted. ***Motion Carried.***
5. Financial Review and Revised Sharing – Jean Boudreau/Brad Webb – Operational Expenses (ex: salaries, office expenses, utilities etc.) are shared by both denominations and some expenses are under discussion. The sharing of these operational expenses (i.e. "the split") is based on revenue by donations of the previous year. Housing Revenue for St. Paul's is not included in the calculation. The split was initially established at 73% for SP, 27% for SA and is due for review and update for 2026. Keeping the same formula, the new split has been determined by the Treasurers (Jean Boudreau (SA), Brad Webb (SP)) to be 63% for SP and 37% for SA.

   There was discussion about when the new split should take effect (i.e. have it be retroactive to January 1 or going forward for a 12-month period as of a specific date). ***Moved by Kendall Wright and Seconded by Sandra Steeves*** that each year, the new split for shared operational expenses take effect on July 1 for 12 consecutive months. ***Motion Carried.***

Moved by Brad Webb and Seconded by Sandra Steeves that the split for shared expenses become 63% (SP) and 37% (SA), effective July 1 for 12 consecutive months. ***Motion Carried.***

6. Invitation to participate in Property Management – Vee Mariner led the group through an interactive exercise where a poster was displayed with many coloured dots randomly placed over the poster board. After asking the congregation several questions, they connected the same coloured dots to form a cross, a heart and a star. The exercise served as an analogy to sharing a common space that can host worship, community events, church meetings and more. With the input and help of others, wonderful results can occur. The congregation was then encouraged to consider joining a Property Committee to manage and maintain the Church Property. Rev. Doug invited the congregation to approach anyone on Session or Council if interested.
7. Adjournment and Transition to Denominational AGMs – With the completion of the Agenda, it was Moved by Brian Barnes, Seconded by Carole Peacock that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 12:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Rev. Susan McAllister thanked all for attending, closed in prayer and drew attention to Carole Peacock who had Photo Directories available for pick-up.

Respectfully submitted by: Andrea Allen (SP)