

➤➤ Pastoral Care Team

*To be there
in time of sickness
and in joy,*

*In sorrow
or celebration,*

*In crisis
or transition,*

*To be present,
to listen,
to pray.*



➤➤ A New Creed of the United Church of Canada

*We are not alone,
we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.*

We trust in God.

*We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.*

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



Pastoral Care Team

➤➤ *A caring team in a caring church*



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➤➤ An Introduction to the Pastoral Care Team

As part of a shared Ministry, the Pastoral Care Team, under the guidance of our Minister, provides pastoral care to members of the congregation.



Through a ten-week training program, our team members have received training in developing both their listening skills and the ability to respond pastorally when a situation arises. Our team meets regularly for pastoring, mutual support and learning.

Emphasis is placed on the importance of maintaining confidentiality.

➤➤ Our Mission

Our church is called to love all those entrusted to its care. As a Pastoral Care Team, we seek to honour our church family and faith community. We do this by:

RESPECTING

...the confidentiality of individuals

LISTENING

...to their concerns

VALUING

...their contribution past and present

PRAYING

...for and with them when requested

SUPPORTING

...them in word and deed

VISITING

...them wherever they are

RECOGNIZING

...their unique place in the life of the church

KEEPING

...them informed about the church life

ENCOURAGING

...their continued relationship with the church

➤➤ Care and Concern

The Pastoral Care Team may be of help through:

- ◆ *Comforting the bereaved*
- ◆ *Supporting those going through a life crisis*
- ◆ *Visiting those who are in longterm care centres, seniors' residences, hospitals or at home*
- ◆ *Welcoming/supporting new members and families of newly baptized children*
- ◆ *Supporting friends and families involved with care giving*
- ◆ *Maintaining contact with those unable to attend church*
- ◆ *Coordinating drives for those unable to attend church on their own*

➤➤ What can YOU do?

- ◆ *Inform the church office, the minister, or a pastoral care member, if you, a family member, or someone within the congregation would welcome a visit, a phone call, a card or prayers of support*
- ◆ *Volunteer for the driving team*
- ◆ *Consider your calling as a pastoral team member*

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