

## **MISSION MINUTES 2019** **LGBTQ Two-Spirited Global Consultation**

Jan. 20, 2019

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of LGBTQ Two-Spirit justice and global partnership. Here's a story from the shores of Lake Couchiching, Ontario, on the territory of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation.

In late 2017, about 40 LGBTQ people, Two-Spirit people, and straight and cisgender allies gathered from 11 countries to support one another and work toward the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in all parts of the world.

Two-Spirit participants provided leadership, guiding the group in lighting the sacred fire, leading sunrise ceremonies, a Talking Circle, and evening gatherings, and sharing teachings about Two-Spirit identities.

Participants were cared for by the sacred fire and the firekeepers, receiving a gift beyond compare. They also learned about the role that colonialism plays in the oppression of LGBTQ Two-Spirit people.

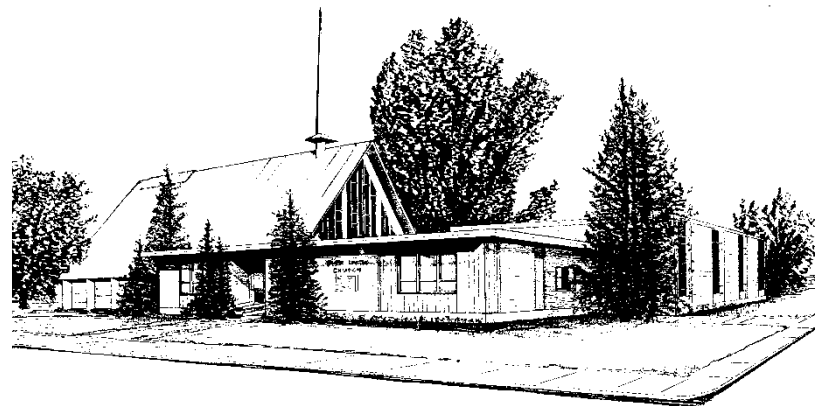
One of the Two-Spirit participants shared, "To be given the honour of being the doorway keeper for the circle and the conduit within the circle to the pathway of the Sacred Fire, thank you!... Against deep odds we heard that changes are happening all over, step by step, life by life."

We give thanks for the gifts of Two-Spirit people, the work of our global partners, and the ministry of Affirm United.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

# Covenant United Church

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**"We are Covenant United Church; an inviting Christian community who embrace change and reach out to make a local and a global difference."**

### **PASTORAL TEAM**

Minister: Rev. Cindy Désilets  
Music: Tim Tonkin  
Secretary: Jacqueline Girard

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesday  
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

### **CHURCH**

230 Eighth Avenue  
Timmins, ON P4N 5S1

### **WORSHIP**

Sunday: 10:30 am  
Sunday School: Sept-May

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## **SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 2019**

Welcome newcomers and visitors to the care and fellowship of Covenant United Church. Please introduce yourself to the minister or one of the ushers so that we may help you feel at home.

### **REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP**

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY • *John 2:1-11*

Not only does the water change to wine, but the best wine at the wedding party! Jesus shows how using our gifts can have results that are greater than we might imagine.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Annual Reports are due for January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please follow the format which can be obtained from the office. Thank you.

### **REGIONAL COUNCIL PRAYER CYCLES**

for The United Church of Canada  
Week of January 20

Click on the link: [prayercycles.ca](http://prayercycles.ca)  
to access listing for each of the new Regional Councils offered to the Communities of Faith and Personnel within The UC of Canada.

### **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY**

Covenant United Church White Gift Sunday fundraiser raised \$240. Gifts with Vision table raised \$128.85.

***Thank you to everyone for their White gift & Gifts with Vision donations.***



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

***Pat ' s Group***

Please stay and enjoy

## **Stewardship seconds**

All gifts are gifts of the one Spirit. Our job is to find the best way to use what we have been given.

### **M&S SNIPPET**

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### **COVENANT UNITED ANNUAL MEETING FEB. 17, 2019**

Covenant Council is seeking nominations for Council members and particularly 2 members at large. These positions have no committee responsibilities, attend Council meetings as full members and provide a "congregational view" of church business.

All committees are looking for volunteers and invite interested individuals to contact Council Chair Rob Galloway. Committees seeking new members include: Stewardship and finance, property, worship, pastoral care and visitation, outreach, Sunday School and nominations.

Elections/acclamations will take place at Annual Meeting.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity closing**



January 20th 2019: 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral  
(For information please call 705-264-0587)