

MISSION MINUTES 2020

February 16, 2020

A Way to Heal

Thanks to Affirm United and Mission & Service, the Living Apology Project gave many a place to heal and to learn. Seeing the poems, laments, stories, and pieces of art created by people affected by the 1988 decision to accept LGBTQIA2S+ people as full members in The United Church of Canada was therapeutic for some; for others, it conjured up memories of anger and fear.

The late Former Moderator Anne Squire shared the first reflection on the Iridesce website:

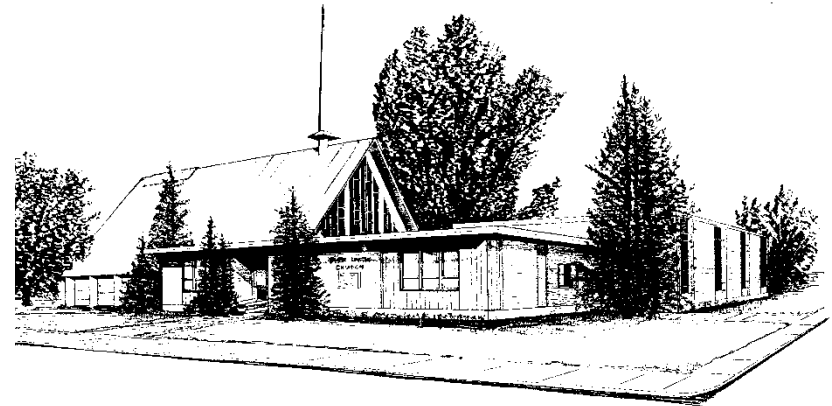
My secretary once handed me a letter, saying, "I don't want to give you this, but I have to." It was from Elizabeth, outlining her work in the church; she said the last straw was the possible ordination of gay and lesbian people. She ended with "My prayer is that you will be stricken with AIDS. Yours in Christ, Elizabeth."

Another day a big box arrived with no indication of the sender. One of my staff said, "Don't open it; it might be a bomb." I said, "We can't live in fear this way." Inside were two 10-inch cubes of acrylic; embedded in each was a metal rod that had been bent into a Greek letter. One was Alpha and the other was Omega. When someone asked what this meant, I said it meant that God was with us at the beginning of our life and will be with us at the end. I also felt that it meant that God was with us in this divisive project and would help guide us.

To answer that hurtful letter now, I say, "Yes, Elizabeth, I do have aids but not the kind you are talking about. My aids are Affirm, my family, my friends, and my faith."

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



"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: The People
Music: Tim Tonkin
Secretary: Jacqueline Girard

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

CHURCH

230 Eighth Avenue
Timmins, ON P4N 5S1

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WORSHIP

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

Email: covenanttimmins@ntl.sympatico.ca

Website: <http://www.covenantunitedtimmins.ca>

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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.

REGIONAL COUNCIL PRAYER CYCLES

As a Church we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world

Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the Region. You are encouraged to pray for:

Feb. 16- South River Pastoral Charge

visit: <https://www.prayercycles.ca/>



Candle and prayers are offered this morning for

Blake Field
Ray & Charlotte Laneville
Ted Szebonski

FUNDRAISER FOR PHOTOCOPIER

Our office copier has been replaced with a new model. The cost for this upgrade was **\$3000.00**. Any and all help to cover this purchase would be greatly appreciated.

SOUPER LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone for their donations and those who helped clean up etc. We raised \$415 and have enough leftovers for Sunday lunch. We decided to donate \$100 towards the new photocopier as we all use it. Donations will go towards food and home security not for profit organizations. Thank you.

OUTREACH

Outreach is still collecting socks for month of February and winter wear for YoMobile and Living Space. Thank you, it is much appreciated.

Stewardship seconds

Generosity brings the abundant life.

M&S SNIPPET

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the work of Iridesce: The Living Apology Project. This project was created to encourage storytelling around the 1988 decision to welcome gay and lesbian people into full membership and ministry in the United Church—a welcome that in 2009 was expanded to include “people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.”

AGM MEETING



The AGM meeting is on this morning
Sunday, February 16

W.o.W.

*All women are invited to
the next luncheon at
McIntyre Coffee Shop*
85 McIntyre Rd

**Wednesday, Feb. 19,
at 11:45**

Please let the office
know by
Tuesday, February 17,

if you are coming so
reservations can be made.
Bring a friend!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



1:30 pm

At

Notre Dame de-la- Paix Parish
288, Commercial
Cameron St. Entrance
Timmins, ON

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