

**Minutes for Congregational Meeting, United Church in Meadowood  
March 8, 2026**

Record of Attendance attached

**1. Opening** – by Sherri McConnell

Opening Prayer

Quorum, court Boundaries, Documentation Review, Voting procedures

Quorum was met. 40 members required. 80 signatures on attendance sheets recorded.

**2. Adherents/Members Participation**

**Motion: Sherri McConnell moved, and Marvie Gordon seconded a motion to allow both members and adherents of the United Church in Meadowood to vote on all motions at this meeting except this motion. (voting by members of UCiM only).**

**Carried.**

**3. Election of Meeting Chair and Secretary**

**Motion: Sherri McConnell moved and Archie Campbell seconded motion to appoint Erin Crawford, Board member, to chair the meeting, and Linda Thorlakson, Board Member, to record the minutes of this meeting.**

**Carried.**

**Erin Crawford assumes leadership as Chair of the meeting.**

**4. Determining election process**

**Motion: Ann Ingalls moved and Debbie Smith seconded a motion to approve voting by show of hands.**

**Carried.**

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion: Brent Kroeker moved, and Susan Campbell seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Carried.**

**6. Meeting Handed over to Carin Crowe, Chair of Search Committee**

a. **Introduction of the Search Committee**

Acknowledged range of talent and ages. The Search Committee meets on Tuesday evening every week. Group was respectful. They utilized Profile of Faith provided by community. There were 3 references provided for the final candidate.

**Jane Bullied Overview of Candidate's References:**

Collaborative, thoughtful, encouraging, organized and detailed, approachable, patient, nurturing, supportive, easy to talk to. 3 weeks in advance sermons prepared developed board members. Adaptable compassionate, kind respectful visioning and goal setting excellent.

Traditional and modern services inclusive language, incorporates visuals, music, pictures monologues creative special services, during covid deep, warm calm relaxed presence, with congregation encourages lay input, children's time offers bible study groups encourages ideas from other, in person visits hospitals care home services phone calls counselling.

Trustworthy respects boundaries, accountable, non-judgmental, caring, patient, calm, very committed and excited to learn more, grow more and work with the reconciliation team outreach committee and green teams.

**Bev Dupasquier Overview of candidate during interviews:**

She kept the congregation in mind. What would they think if they were with the candidate?

Presents as:

Honest, creative, down-to-earth, team player, positive, loves people and pets, non-anxious presence, warm and welcoming, caring and kind, relaxed style, approachable, try new things, nurturing.

After interviews the whole committee thought the candidate was a good fit for UCiM

**Brent Kroeker:** Computer skills valuable, attention to detail, kept them on track

- 40 candidates triaged
- 14 candidates long listed
- 4 first interviews
- 2 candidate follow ups
- 3 meetings with references
- 1 second interview
- 20 meetings

- Over 200 documents

Samples of candidate's sermons were requested and supplied.

Carin Crowe worked as liaison.

**Donna Kormilo Overview of the process:**

Financial views

Start of call July 1, 2026. Terms approved in the profile were read out noting it contained the comment "Vacation of one month including 5 Sundays ". It was noted that the candidate being considered is in a salary category less than budgeted Category F and will not be requiring a move. Some ministers asked for additional salary. This pastor is asking for additional holidays instead (over the typical amount): "5 weeks, 6 Sundays (what they had at their last job)." An amendment is required for the vacation to add a difference.

**Call for a vote for the amendment for the change in vacation**

**Motion: Carin Crowe moved, and Joy Bissoon seconded a motion:**

**That the United Church in Meadowood approve a change in the terms parameters previously approved by the Community of Faith on September 03, 2025 for a fulltime (40 hours per week) Ministry position at United Church in Meadowood to reflect the inclusion of a total of five full weeks of vacation including six Sundays (26 working days including six Sundays) Previous approval was for the standard vacations one month including five Sundays (23 working days) CARRIED**

**Questions** related to Pastoral Relationship were raised and answered.

**Motion: Carin Crowe moved, and Jean McIlrath seconded a motion that the Community of Faith at the United Church in Meadowood approve a Call to a Diaconal Minister Tammy Bleue to a fulltime (40 hours per week) Ministry position at the United Church in Meadowood effective July 01, 2026 with the terms as amended and read out at the meeting.**

**Call for vote. 1 Abstained. Motion Carried**

The current protocol of Prairie to Pine Regional Council for compliance with Privacy regulations indicates that terms related to any specific Ministry Personnel cannot be circulated in written form before the meeting nor recorded in minutes of the meeting. They can be read out and shared on screen and will be made available to those who require them for oversight: Chair of Ministry And Personnel Committee; treasurer and/or ADP Liaison and Minister.

**Search Committee Trent Passmore provides personal information of Candidate:**

## **Background on Tammy Bleue**

- Born Northern Ireland Immigrated in 1984 family to Oak Bank Mb
- Husbands name is Darcy, they have 2 sons
- Recent grandmother
- Studied at Center for Christian studies in Manitoba. West Broadway/St. Marys
- Studied at St Stevens, Edmonton and in Saskatoon.
- Served in Stonewall United Church for 7 years.
- Calming quality loves kid's animal's Loves ministry. Ministry is just about relationship and God...
- She can be compared to a plant that outgrew the pot. Needs a bigger pot to keep growing.

**Motion: Joy Bissoon moved, and Jim Smith seconded a motion that the Community of Faith of the United Church in Meadowood appoints Carin Crowe and/or Donna Kormillo to complete the Record of Call on Church Hub and forward all required documents to the Pastoral Relations Minister, Judy Hare, by email no later than NOON on Monday, March 09, 2026 for final approval of the Call by the Pastoral Relations Commission of Prairie to Pine Regional Council at its regular monthly meeting on March 10, 2026 (Documents to include 2025 End of Year Financial statements for all accounts; 2026 Financial Statements Year to Date; DRAFT 2026 Budget ; minutes of the meeting of the community of faith where the Call was approved)**

**Carried.**

**Motion: Jim Smith moved, and Russ Loewen seconded a motion That the Community of Faith of the United Church of Meadowood acknowledges that we will not be renewing the current ministry appointment with Jeraldine Bjornson beyond the June 30, 2026, end date and extend gratitude to Jeri for her ministry with us during the time of transition.**

**Carried.**

**Motion: Jim Smith moved, and Richard Ball seconded a motion that the United Church in Meadowood thank the Search Committee team for their work and disband them after the Covenanting Service celebrating the new pastoral relationship. The Search Committee team will plan in consultation with the Regional Council, Pastoral Relations Commission/Liaison and the new Minister.**  
**Carried.**

Comment from Mike Balshaw - as a member of pastoral care committee, it became evident with growth that we are going to need more help with ministry/pastoral care.

10. **Adjournment – Jim Smith moved adjournment seconded by Carin Crowe. Motion carried.**

11. Sherri McConnell (benediction)

At the annual meeting of April 26, 2026\_\_\_\_\_, 2026, it was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve these minutes of the Congregational Meeting of March 8, 2026 as presented/amended.

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Erin Crawford, Board member, meeting Chair

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Linda Thorlakson, Board member, Meeting Secretary