

Nominating Report Narrative Summary

April 26, 2026

2025 Annual Meeting UCiM

As always, UCiM runs on volunteer power. Over the years it has been increasingly difficult to get people to volunteer for all the jobs that are needed to be filled so that we can continue to enjoy all the programming that we have. Due to this difficulty, we have had to use paid positions – Communication Coordinator, Streaming Coordinator, Christian Education Coordinator, Youth Coordinator. We continue to need the funds from our congregational givings, fundraising and rentals to keep up these contracts, which are in addition to our other staff (minister, office admin, accompanist, music director).

We do however see and appreciate all the volunteer power that is happening, our successful geothermal project shows us that we can do big things with great people! So let us look at the past year and what is upcoming.

We thank the following people who completed their volunteering in particular committees or groups in 2025: see spreadsheet at the meeting

And we Celebrate the New people on committees/Groups in 2025 or early 2026– see spreadsheet at the meeting

We particularly celebrate the formation of a new committee (approved at last years annual meeting), the Greening in Action Team. They formed last summer and have worked on making a terms of reference and worked hard on the researching flooring options. They will continue to look for ways we can improve our greening in UCiM, in large and small projects and everyday environmental stewardship.

Although all committees could always use more/new people to contribute, the following are the greatest areas of need now (in alphabetical order):

Audio Visual Team – always looking for more people to help in the booth for service, with a little training, it's really easy and a fun job to do!

The Board – we need 2 more people, to replace people coming off the Board that have been on it for several years now. We must fill the vice Chair spot ASAP. Angie has agreed to stay on another year as Chair but we still need someone that is willing to succeed her.

Pastoral Care Committee – needs more members and a new chair as well.

Worship Committee – new members who are interested in working closely with the new minister to guide our services are needed.

So I ask you to think to yourself, how am I serving UCiM? How can I give an hour or two more of my time per month? What group sounds the most interesting to me?

Please talk to myself, Doug Purdey or Jim Smith (or Sandy in the office) to get connected. Serving your church is not only how things get done around here, but it's also a great way to meet people, make friends and stay active!

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Crawford

Chair, Nominating Cte