

The Spiritual Oversight of Knox

The spiritual needs of a congregation are vast and complex. They range from worship, to pastoral care needs, to Christian development and beyond.

The care and oversight of the spiritual interests of a congregation are more than the responsibility of one person. They require the input of many. Through collaboration with the Minister, a group of dedicated individuals looks to help the congregation membership with their spiritual needs

The Spiritual Oversight Committee

The SOC was developed to co-ordinate these activities. The Spiritual Oversight members come from the membership of Knox United Church, are elected by the Congregation and are expected to take part on one of the teams. Members are called "Elders" .

The Spiritual Oversight Committee is made up of a variety of teams each with its own responsibilities.

Worship ~ this team, along with the Minister, plans all Worship Services.

Christian Life & Growth ~ this team is responsible for all of the Religious Programs in the Church, from Sunday School to Adult Bible Studies. They help nurture our Church family on their faith journey.

Pastoral Care ~ this team takes care of the wellbeing of our Church family, from sickness, to bereavement, to loneliness. Their Ministries include home, hospital, and nursing home visits, phone calls, cards,

audio tapes of the Service, bears for children in crisis, prayer shawls, grief support sessions, online support and response to any situation where a concerned, caring, empathetic lay person may be of help.

Baptism ~ the Baptism team prepares the families of those wishing baptism for their child(ren) by visiting the family, holding workshops explaining Baptism and participating in the Church Service with them on Baptism Sunday.

Districts ~ this team arranges for every person belonging to Knox United Church to have an Elder assigned to them.

Duty ~ this team supports worship by arranging for Duty Elders each Sunday to open and close the Church, take up the offering, clean and rearrange pew racks neatly and welcome everyone who comes through the doors on Sundays.

Communion ~ this team prepares the elements, arranges for distribution of the elements and cleans and puts away the vessels after Communion.

Memorial ~ this team collects memorial funds and updates the memorial book in the Narthex.

New Families ~ this team arranges visits to every new family and provides a welcome kit with the information concerning our Church.

Funeral Wake Team ~ when a wake takes place at Knox, this team opens and closes the Church, arranges for tea and coffee and addresses any special needs the family may have.

Funerals ~ an Elder arranges for the Church to be opened and closed, passes out funeral bulletins and makes sure all are cared for.

The Executive of the Spiritual Oversight Committee is comprised of:

Chair

Vice Chair

Clerk of Session

One appointed Elder

Minister

Elders

There is no term for Elders. Any Elder who has served Knox United Church for ten years or more, and due to age, illness, or other reason can no longer fulfill their mandate to the Spiritual Oversight Committee, may become an Honorary Elder. They do not maintain a district, but may be called to assist any team of the Spiritual Oversight Committee, as they are able.

As a Member or Adherent, how can I assist my Elder?

Take the time to get to know your Elder. Welcome your Elder into your home and help him or her to feel at home. Share with your Elder your concerns and your joys. It is important that your Elder have the chance to listen to you. If you have a concern about the life of your Congregation tell your Elder.

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Boardroom, with the exception of December, July, and August. In June, before we part for the summer, we hold a social event on our meeting night.



Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, so that his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong. This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God.

Ephesians 4: 11-13
Contemporary English Version

A New Creed

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.

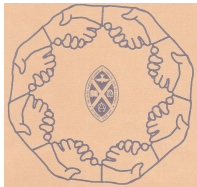
We trust in God.

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.



Knox Spiritual Oversight



Our Mission is to show the love of God
By being like Jesus;
Showing mercy, promoting justice,
Offering hope, forgiving,
Accepting and loving all others

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