



Annual Congregational Meeting – Part One

Agenda

Proudfoot Hall, Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 12 noon (following a light lunch)

1.0 **Welcome:** Remarks from the Past Past-Chair –Steve Elson

2.0 **Invocation** – Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

3.0 **Election of Chair and Secretary of the Congregational Meeting**

MOTION: That Steve Elson be appointed Chair and Katherine Wonfor be appointed Secretary of the 2026 Annual Meeting. (Part One).

MOVED BY: Linda Badke SECONDED BY: Kerry Hill

3.1 **Declaration of Voting Rights of Those Present**

MOTION: To extend the right to vote to adherents and youth at the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 1, according to the provisions of the United Church of Canada Manual and the Statement of Policies and Procedures of First-St. Andrew's United Church.

MOVED BY: Glenna Hall SECONDED BY: Barb Ridgewell

4.0 **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: To approve the agenda of the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 1.

MOVED BY: Liz Galbraith SECONDED BY: Merran Neville



5.0 **Approval of Minutes of the 2025 Congregational Meeting**

MOTION: That the minutes of Part 1 and Part 2 of the 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting be approved.

MOVED BY: George Jolink SECONDED BY: Karin Symonds

6.0 **Minister's Remarks**

7.0 **Committee Reports requiring a decision by the Congregation**

7.1 **Finance – presentation of 2026 Budget – Laura Wood**

MOTION: That the 2026 budget as approved by Council be adopted by the congregation.

MOVED BY: Laura Wood SECONDED BY: Kerry Hill

MOTION: That the First-St. Andrew's United Church Financial Statements at December 31, 2025 prepared internally and reviewed by the Finance Committee be accepted as circulated.

MOVED BY: Laura Wood SECONDED BY: Barb Ridgewell

MOTION: That the congregation approves the appointment of Famme & Co., London, Ontario as the Firm of Record for the Review Engagement Report of Financial Statements at December 31, 2025 for First-St. Andrew's United Church for 2025.

MOVED BY: Laura Wood SECONDED BY: Linda Badke

7.2 **Board of Trustees – Paul Cooper, Jackie Williams**

MOTION #1

That the Congregation of First-St. Andrew's United Church, Antler River Watershed Region, of the United Church of Canada:



- 1) hereby directs that for the year 2026, it will carry only the insurances in Ecclesiastical Insurance Co. Policy #0102687F and acknowledges that the limits in such insurance policy or policies may be less than the full replacement cost of the buildings insured under the attached policy or policies;
- 2) Releases the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's United Church from:
 - a) any obligation to maintain insurance coverage with higher limits than that provided in the aforementioned policy or policies,
 - b) actions taken on behalf of the congregation in respect of property held by the Board in the name of the congregation and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Trustees of First-St. Andrew's from all claims with respect to such decisions taken during the year 2026.

Particulars of the Insurance Coverage are available from the Church Office Manager and may be found and reviewed in the Church Office.

MOVED BY: Paul Cooper SECONDED BY: Katherine Wonfor

MOTION #2

The congregation approves the appointment of Famme & Co., London, Ontario as the Firm of Record for the Review Engagement Report of the Trustees' Financial Statements for St. Andrew's United Church at December 31, 2025 for 2025.

MOVED BY: Paul Cooper SECONDED BY: Kerry Hill

8.0 **Adoption of Committee Reports** as published in the 2025 Annual Report

MOTION: That the Committee Reports as published in the 2025 Annual Report be adopted.

MOVED BY: Jim Silcox SECONDED BY: Karin Symonds



- 9.0 **Proposal to implement a new governance model for First- St. Andrew's United Church for a one-year period beginning January 2026, as approved by Council at a special Council meeting of June 24, 2025 and at a meeting on Jan.7, 2026.**

The Council report on governance emanating from the June 2025 Council meeting formed the basis for the article on the future of church governance which appeared in Tidings, Vol. 35, No. 3, 2025.

Presentation by Steve Elson

MOVED BY: Barb Ridgewell SECONDED BY: Paul Cooper

That the congregation of FSA agrees to support the new governance model as outlined for a one-year period beginning in January 2026; and, that the Regional Council (Antler River Watershed) be so informed.

- 10.0 **Nominating Report** - Steve Elson

Steve Elson to ask if there are any nominations from the floor.

[Note: any suggestions or nominations for an officer-of-the-church position will be forwarded to the nominations team which will make recommendations for consideration to Council.]

MOVED BY: Merran Neville SECONDED BY: Liz Galbraith

That nominations be closed.

MOTION: That the proposed 2026 membership for the New Council, Board of Trustees, Officers, and Committee members (as tabled or as amended) be accepted.

MOVED BY: Glenna Hall SECONDED BY: Linda Badke



11.0 Request for congregational approval to proceed with the replacement of the current heating system and installation of a new heating and cooling system for First-St. Andrew's United Church

Presentation by George Jolink, Chair, Property Committee and Jamie Witty, Witty-Stallaert Engineering

MOVED BY: George Jolink SECONDED BY: Paul Cooper

That the multi-step engineering study which has been approved and funded by the Trustees and which is being conducted by Whitty Stalaert Engineering be endorsed.

This endorsement is proposed with the understanding that: (1) the congregation will be consulted once the feasibility study (step 1 of the full engineering study) providing options, approximate costing, and a work schedule outline has been received and considered by the Trustees, Council, and the Property Committee; and (2) that the endorsement does not extend beyond the engineering study itself, i.e., no commitment has been made, or is proposed at this time, for undertaking an actual construction project to replace the current heating system

12.0 Recognition of Departing Committee Members and Members of Council to January 18, 2026

13.0 Other Business (as approved when agenda adopted)

14.0 Benediction

15.0 Closing

MOTION: That the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting (Part One) be adjourned

MOVED BY: _____