

August 6, 2017 Insert for Generic Bulletin



PRELUDE – *On Wings of Song*

F. Mendelssohn

★ OPENING HYMN – *All Praise to Thee*

VU 327

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

Creator God--

We long for you as a deer longs for flowing streams.

We long for you like an anxious sheep longs for familiar pastures.

We long for you like a hungry child longs for a piece of bread.

Settle here among us,

with open arms and ready smile,

with comfort before you send us out

on our adventures once again. Amen.

★ HYMN – Congregational choice

READER: Patti Varey

PSALM 139

VU861

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 4: 28-34

One: Herein is the wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 28-30

One: Herein is good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

★ HYMN – *O Lord My God*

VU 238

SERMON “The Madness of Kings”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Let All Things Now Living*

VU 242

POSTLUDE – *Amazing Grace*

Arr. J. Schrader

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Thank You... ◆

...to Krista Rhodes for sharing her musical talents with us during our morning worship.

◆ Welcome ◆

We give a warm welcome to First-Pilgrim members and congregants who are worshipping with us this morning.

◆ Lemonade ◆

Please join us for lemonade and fellowship on the patio outside the chapel following the service.

◆ Summer Office Hours ◆

Please note that during **July** and **August**, the Melrose office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, and until 11:30 a.m. on THURSDAY.

◆ Summer Custodial Hours ◆

For the custodians, hours for **July** and **August** will be Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

◆ Observer Subscription Time Is Here Again ◆

For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking magazine, please enclose \$25 in the envelopes provided. Please fill in the envelope label and put it on the collection plate. **Subscriptions need to be collected by August 31, 2017.** Thank you.

◆ Locke Street Festival—September 9! ◆

Needed: strong (men or women) for putting up the booth and setting up jams and selling of jams. Also required are folk at the end of the day to tear down tables and bring everything back to the church. We need people for 2 hour shifts throughout the day. Please help! You get to choose your own time slot! Talk to Gwyneth or the Church office if you are willing to be a "face" on Locke Street for Melrose!

◆ **Voting Results for UCC Remits 1 to 4** ◆

As you all know, the Official Board held a congregational meeting on this topic in May, to receive your input into these remits. The congregation voted unanimously in support of Remits 1 to 3, and unanimously opposed to Remit 4. The Official Board reflected these wishes and submitted our votes accordingly. Unfortunately, the UCC has just communicated the final voting results, and Remit 4: Funding a New Model, has passed. As discussed at the congregational meeting, this has unfortunate financial implications for Melrose. As reviewed at the meeting, based on our current budget, under the new funding model Melrose will be required to pay a percentage of all income, including rental and investment income, which is approximately \$11 000 more annually, once the model is fully implemented in 3 years' time. Further information regarding the implementation of this change is not yet available, but will be monitored closely by the Board. We wanted to ensure that you had this information in as timely a manner as possible, and will provide any additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Evans

Chair, Official Board

Letter from the United Church of Canada:

July 5, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the General Council Office.

I am writing to let you know of the voting results for Remits 1 to 4. All four remits were approved by a majority of the 84 voting presbyteries and 2136 voting pastoral charges of the United Church.

Remit 1: Three Council Model

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1672 No: 222

Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1792 No: 89

Remit 3: Office of Vocation

Presbyteries: Yes: 69 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1681 No: 190

Remit 4: Funding a New Model

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1472 No: 398

There is one final step in the remit process to be taken by the 43rd General Council when it meets in July, 2018. We will now be working to be ready for that prospect.

A Remit Scenario Planning group, co-chaired by Alan Hall (Executive Minister, Ministry and Personnel), and Peter Hartmans (Executive Secretary, Hamilton Conference), has been meeting over the past year to do preliminary thinking on the change process, depending on which of the remits received approval. This group will now be re-mandated as the Remit Implementation group, to have broad oversight over the plans for implementation of the changes that will follow if General Council gives its approval to the decisions that have been approved by remit. David Allen has agreed to step away from his position as Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference to accept the full time assignment as Project Leader for this work.

The 42nd General Council will reconvene for an electronic meeting on September 30, 2017 to put plans in motion for determining the boundaries of the regional councils, and a nominations process for the next General Council Executive, pending the final step in the remit process.

Thank you all for your participation in this important work of the church.

Sincerely,



Nora Sanders

General Secretary, General Council