



Annual Report 2025





Annual General Meeting 2026: United Church of Canada's
Pioneer Pastoral Charge of Alsask, Saskatchewan, Cereal & Oyen,
Alberta & Knox United Church, Consort, Alberta, Canada

Message from Reverend John Calvin Rhoad Jr.

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

“The body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Jesus Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Jesus Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

No, but strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

For the Sake of His Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness

Sixty million cells. Thirty-six million heartbeats a year. Three hundred billion red blood cells are produced every day. Sixty thousand miles of blood vessels in each body. The human body! A complex, miraculous system!



The human body, the Apostle Paul declares, is the Christian community.

And Paul was not talking about just any body, he was talking about Jesus Christ's body. A holy body. The holiest body. Paul told his community they were to be the "*body*" that Jesus would be if He was physically present.

"The body of Jesus Christ" almost sounds cliché. We may have heard that we are "*the body of Jesus Christ*" so often that we hardly pay attention

to it. But think about the magnitude of what the Apostle Paul is saying. Sit for a moment, reflect on the analogy?!

You are — we are — the body of Jesus Christ! Wow!

There are 100 billion neurons in the brain. There are 54 bones in your hands. Twenty-five million new cells are being produced every second. The body is constantly changing, interconnected, and designed for life.

For Christians, for all of us as followers of Jesus, an important purpose of life is love, acceptance, and forgiveness as Jesus taught.

Jesus modeled love, acceptance, and forgiveness throughout His earthly life to everyone that He met. Jesus' design and purpose perfectly emulated God's mercy and grace. So, as we interpret this reality, we correctly understand that our body holds the same physical design as Jesus Christ's body.

Our church, as the body of Jesus Christ, is meant to faithfully join God's loving outreach in mission and ministry this year, and every year, with acceptance, mercy, joy, forgiveness, and grace.

Despite all that has happened over the past year, we are called to forge ahead - the central call is to love, accept, and forgive others as Jesus Christ modelled and mandated for us. We are — the body of Jesus Christ!



What does that mean?

Well... Jesus reached out His hand and touched people who needed healing. He was accepting of who they were as a part of God's creation. Jesus laid His hands on those who were sick and dying and extended forgiveness to sinners. Jesus ate with people no one else dared associate with – this is true love. Then Jesus - with His voice, He told stories — insightful parables that changed people's hearts! Then Jesus, with his ears, He listened to the yearning of countless souls. Then Jesus got down on His knees to wash His disciples' feet and brought children onto His knees to teach a lesson about what's important.

Yes, Jesus sweated and relentlessly prayed in the garden of suffering – named Gethsemane. Jesus stretched His arms on the cross. Jesus accepted – Jesus forgave – and Jesus loved. Even there, there at the end of it all, Jesus appeared to His Disciples to show them that new life is possible!

Jesus used His whole being to send us an eternal, everlasting message – a statement for love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

It was the Apostle Paul who wrote in this passage and stated:

"You are the body of Jesus Christ."

Because the Apostle Paul clearly realized and understood, God's greater message resounding throughout all of creation.

So, may it be for all of us, in all that we say and in all that we do, let us believe collectively, accept, and know with God's love and forgiveness that:

We are the body of Jesus Christ!

Yes, may we continue forward, both individually, but also importantly, collectively, as the church – challenged to share the truth that has been revealed to us in God's Word and greet others in our community with love, acceptance, and forgiveness!

God be praised. Amen.



CHURCH MANSE REPORT 2025

Submitted by

Nonavee Kary

Our forefathers recognized the importance of providing our minister with a home while they served our community, so the church house, or “Manse,” was completed in 1969 and remains in our community.

Presently, our minister, Rev. Rhoad & wife TaiLi, reside in Oyen, AB, so our manse is rented out.

Renovations -started in 2005 with new sidewalks, front steps & a backyard cement patio, with major interior renovations occurring in 2010-2011. Our church house has: new windows & doors, siding, blinds, washer/dryer, sinks, taps, curtains, light fixtures, flooring, baseboards, vanities, interior door handles, bathroom/kitchen tiles, a hot water tank, a donated stove, a large pine tree removed, and a freshly painted back deck.

Regular maintenance is done to keep it in good condition.

Thank you to those who volunteer their time at the “Manse,” which enables it to be a valuable asset for our community.

Manse Committee:
Nonavee Kary
Rob Coulton



MISSION and SERVICE REPORT FEB. 2026

In **Matthew 25:35 – 40**, Jesus teaches that we will find him among people who are suffering. The gospel message calls us to be mindful, kind, hospitable, justice-seeking, and persistent, and to change ideas and systems that keep us apart from others.

Jesus confirms that we will find him in the world through relationship. Specifically, he promises that we will find his transformative presence when we respond to others' needs.

Compassion lies at the heart of generosity.

From sharing food with those in need, to visiting a lonely neighbor, to financially supporting those in need in our local communities and around the world, the people of the United Church of Canada are committed to turning compassion into action.

In the last year alone, those who attend and support The United Church of Canada committed over \$23 million to people in need and projects that matter.

How were we able to do this much? It's pretty basic. We share. We join together to share what we can. We give to people and places in need through a unified fund.

The Mission and Service Fund.

The Mission and Service works in partnership with people and organizations and never impose their solutions, ways of doing things, or belief systems. They prioritize long-term solutions over quick fixes, aiming to make a lasting difference.

Mission and Service is currently working with 68 partners in 23 countries worldwide. Plus, they can put donations to work quickly and effectively when disaster strikes almost anywhere in the world.

However you choose to give, and whatever amount you can afford, your generosity will help transform lives and inspire people to live with meaning and purpose. We build a better world.

**Consort Knox United Church
donated \$900.00 in 2025!
Thank you to all who donated!
Your gifts help people and
change lives!!
Please give generously as you
are able.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Devine



Taken from minute for mission, United Church Website



As we turn toward a new year, we pause to reflect on all that 2025 has held—the challenges that tested us, the resilience that sustained us, and the moments of compassion and connection that reminded us who we are called to be. A new year invites reflection, but it also invites imagination. It offers space to dream, to reset, and to open ourselves once again to the transforming power of Christ's love.

Even in a world where uncertainty remains, one truth continues to shine through: acts of kindness and solidarity matter. They shape communities, restore hope, and remind us that we are never alone. Through Mission and Service, these small and steady acts grow into something larger: a network of care that stretches across neighbourhoods, regions, and the world.

As 2026 approaches, we carry forward the lessons and light of the year behind us. Let the coming year be one in which we deepen our commitment to caring for one another and for creation. Let it be a year where we walk alongside Mission and Service partners, drawing strength from shared purpose and shared hope. Together, we can nurture a future rooted in justice, compassion, and peace.

Thank you for the impact made throughout 2025. Your generosity through [Mission and Service](#) lights the way, sparking hope, bringing healing, and transforming lives. May the year ahead be one of courage, renewal, and steadfast love as we step into 2026.



UCW REPORT 2025

Consort UCW held their annual meeting@ 9:30 a.m., January 23, 2026, with seven ladies attending. This past year, UCW has assisted with church upkeep, inside and out; Knox Bake Sale; the Fall Supper; home visitation, phone calls, and food for church and community members; and working at the New To You. UCW also provides food items and supplies for the church and kitchen, including purchases of a 45-cup coffee urn and a dustbuster in 2025.

This past year, our organization supported Consort School, Hardisty Lake United Church Camp and Knox United Church. Our Knox donation helped fund a major renovation in the church basement this past spring. Kudos to the committee of Brent Kary, Randy Mierau, Nonavee Kary, and Dawn Resch for their outstanding volunteer work on this project. Thanks to the other volunteers involved and the hired contractor.



The New To You committee and volunteers are to be commended for their diligence at the store. You all make a difference for our community and our organization. Thank you to Louise Christianson for her valued help over the past years as she has retired from the store. We also appreciated the time and support that Maxine Todd and Karen Shamblaw provided at the store.

The annual volunteer appreciation luncheon held on November 24 at 50th and Main, catered by Sandy and Gary with a delicious turkey dinner, was attended by 31 ladies. Lisa Gould and Clark Huston of Sibbald provided outstanding Christmas songs, as well as other violin and guitar selections, which were enjoyed by all. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the families of Mardy Oxamitny, Marilyn Babcock and Bonnie Sortland. They certainly will be missed.

UCW extends our gratitude to Tony and Tyler Owens of Consort Agro for clearing snow at the church, the New To You, and also anyone else we may have missed this past year.

Submitted By: Nora Hutchings, Nancy Maron



Financial Statement for UCW January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Opening Bank Balance: Jan. 1, 2025 **\$18,986.01**

Receipts:

New to You Sales	\$11,387.85
Memorial Donations, catering	\$ 0.00
Bank Deposit Corrections	\$ 105.98

\$11,493.83

\$30,479.84

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Expenses:

Utilities	\$ 4,381.05
Bank Fees, Accounting, etc	\$ 414.53
Bank Deposit Corrections	\$ 26.70
Kitchen Supplies, New Urn/Office Supplies	\$ 468.12
Other Expense, New to You - cleaning supplies	\$ 53.59
Insurance, New to You - 2025	\$ 500.00
New to You Luncheon	\$ 781.20

Donations:

Hardisty Lake Camp	\$ 400.00
Knox United Church - Annual Donation	\$ 6,500.00
Consort School - Food Pantry	\$ 800.00
UCW Chinook Winds Northern Spirit Member	\$ 66.00

\$14,391.19

Closing Bank Balance: December 31, 2025

\$16,088.65

GIC Principle amount invested Jan. 18, 2025 **\$4,758.72**
2 year non-redeemable @ 3.5%
Maturity date - Jan. 18, 2027

Respectfully submitted by: Nancy Maron; Sec. Treas.
Checked By: Emilie Audy

SESSION REPORT 2025
Annual Meeting Feb. 15, 2026

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We Are a Welcoming Family that Nurtures and Grows the Christian Faith.”

Romans 12:4-6a. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually, we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us....

Our session members are: Mary Readman, Nonavee Kary, Stacy DeVos, Charles Gould, and Elaine Devin,e along with Rev. John Rhoad.

The work of the session is to oversee the church's week-to-week operations, worship, admission of new members, certificates of member transfer, baptisms, maintain the members' book up to date, administer the sacraments, and facilitate social functions as needed.



This year, as a session, we have:

- Celebrated communion every other month.
- In Feb., we held a potluck lunch before the annual meeting.
- In March ,we participated in the World Day of Prayer hosted by the Catholic Church.
- In April, we celebrated an early Palm Sunday with palms and Hot Cross Buns.
- Held a Good Friday Service.
- Enjoyed flowers with our Easter Sunday service.
- We had a bake table at the Community Gun/Craft Show.

- June 1 was the celebration of the United Church's 100th Anniversary with cake and visiting after Church.
 - Near the end of June, we delivered donuts and juice boxes to both Consort and Altario schools, on an exam day, to extend our best wishes to Students.
 - July and August, summer break.
 - Resume Worship services – August 21.
 - In Nov. - Interdenominational Remembrance Day Service held here.
 - We welcomed the Vision Country Singers.
 - Dec. Nativity display with coffee, sweets, and live music by local students and instructors in the Church basement for Country Christmas.
 - Nativity pageant performed by young folks on the third Sunday of Advent.
- Followed by Pancakes and all the fixin's, prepared and served by the men of the congregation, and their helpers.
- We send cards to those grieving or ill.
 - In March and May, we celebrated baptisms and professions of Faith.
 - On the first Thursday of each month, Rev. Rhoad led a worship service at both the Long -Term Care facility (in the morning) and the Senior Citizen Lodge (evening), assisted by Taii or Stacy when possible at the piano.



In May of this past year, we held a Covenanting Service for Rev. Rhoad, in which we (the congregations of Oyen, Cereal, Alsask, and Consort) and our regional leadership, along with Rev. Rhoad, pledged to work together and commit to a supportive relationship with one another.

We have once again been blessed with all kinds of volunteer help throughout the year; without those folks, our church wouldn't function. They cleaned, mowed, organized, made coffee for after church, cleaned, shovelled snow, decorated, planted flowers and trimmed shrubs, fixed broken or deteriorating items, kept the website updated, and probably MORE!

Thank you to everyone.

A big **THANK YOU!** to Taili Rhoad and Stacy DeVos for keeping the music ringing throughout the building for each Worship service. Also to our guest singers and musicians.

In conclusion and on behalf of the Session, we would like to express a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Rev. Rhoad for his patience, guidance, dedication, humor, understanding, and leadership this past year! We appreciate the time he spends on the highway from Oyen to be here with us in this little community that we cherish. We wish He and Taili a healthy and happy year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Devine



Stewards Report 2025

Good day to ALL! This past year has been another great year for the Consort Knox United Church. We have gone a full year with Reverend Rhoad and wife, TaiLi, leading our church in worship 2 times per month. We are so blessed to have them both.

Financially, our church is doing well, as reflected in the Treasurer's Report. We contributed \$900.00 to Mission and Service for 2025 through your designated offerings.



We held 2 meetings in 2025 and completed most of the tasks discussed. Brent got the SE downspout redirected to help stop erosion on the south hill. With the help of Larry and Dawn Resch and their very generous donation to purchase a new “ON Demand” constant-heat hot water heater, we were able to replace the old hot water heater that failed.

We hired a carpenter and, with the steward's help, completed a major upgrade in the church basement: filling holes, painting the ceiling and walls, replacing some ceiling tiles, installing feature wall panels, and installing a new flat-screen TV. Thanks to everyone involved in this undertaking. I just feel so blessed and proud to be part of the upkeep and maintenance of our lovely church. Those who contribute their time, energy, or money reaffirm how much the Consort community cares about Knox United.



We still plan to install a new fence at the SE corner of the church parking lot in 2026 to replace the old one, whose posts have rotted.

Thanks to Rachel Robinson for joining our Stewards Crew.

Special thanks to the UCW ladies for their generous \$ 7,000 donation to Knox United Church Consort.

Thanks again to the Consort Area Community for your continued support, through the Fall Canvass, Fall Supper, Silent Auction, Gun Show Bake Table, Easter Flowers, and annual donations. With your continued support, our church will be here for all of us for years to come. God bless you all.

Sincerely, the Stewards:

Randy Mierau-Chairman, Brent Kary-Treasurer, Susan Mierau, Rachel Robinson, Bruce Fawcett





Consort Knox United Church 2025 Treasurers Report

We here at Knox United Church have had a very busy year with all the fundraisers we've held and our completed basement renovations. We've had great success due to the community support for our Bake table at the Gun Show and the Fall supper/silent auction. The weekly donations and also the generous donations from the fall canvass are keeping us in the black. Thank you for your generous support!

Gun Show Bake Table: \$3235.00

Fall supper /silent auction: \$6154.00

Weekly Tithes:\$46,621.00

Fall Canvass: \$33,290.00

UCW donation: \$7000.00

Investment income: \$4437.07

We completed a renovation of the church basement to freshen it up.
Reno Cost: \$15697.45

Our manse has been rented out for the year, and this helps out with the operational expenses of the church.

Rev John Rhoad is our full-time shared minister with Oyen - \$53,560.00.

We have \$147,431.74 in our GICs at RBC in Consort.

I would like to thank all the people who are supporting Knox United Church here in Consort with their gifts of time, food, labor, and financial support.

Regards,

Brent Kary - Knox Treasurer