

## *Pastoral Care Team*

*To be there  
in time of sickness  
and in joy,*

*In sorrow  
or celebration,*

*In crisis  
or transition,*

*To listen,  
to share,  
to befriend.*



## *A New Creed*

*of the United Church of Canada*

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.



## *Pastoral Care Team*

*A caring team in a caring church*

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## *An Introduction to the Pastoral Care Team*

As part of a shared Ministry, the Pastoral Care Team, under the guidance of our Minister, provides pastoral care to members of the congregation.

Through a ten-week training program, our team members have received training in developing both their listening skills and the ability to respond pastorally when a situation arises. Our team meets regularly for mutual support, sharing and learning.

*Emphasis is placed on  
the importance of maintaining  
confidentiality.*

## *Our Mission*

Our church is called to love all those entrusted to its care. As a Pastoral Care Team, we seek to honour our church family and faith community.

We do this by:

### *RESPECTING*

...the confidentiality of individuals

### *LISTENING*

...to their concerns

### *VALUING*

...their contribution past and present

### *PRAYING*

...for and with them when requested

### *NURTURING*

...quality friendships with them

### *SUPPORTING*

...them in word and deed

### *VISITING*

...them wherever they are

### *RECOGNIZING*

...their unique place in the life of the church

### *KEEPING*

...them informed about the church life

### *ENCOURAGING*

...their continued relationship with the church

## *Care and Concern*

The Pastoral Care Team may be of help through:

Comforting the bereaved  
Supporting those going through a life crisis

Visiting those who are in long-term care centres, seniors' residences, hospitals or at home

Welcoming/supporting new members and families of newly baptized children

Maintaining contact with those unable to attend church

Supporting friends and families involved with care giving

## *What Can You Do?*

You are encouraged to inform the church office, the minister, or a pastoral care member if you, a family member, or someone within the congregation would welcome a visit, a phone call or other assistance.