

Minutes

Jubilee Council Meeting

April 8, 2026

Present: Kye Andrews (Music School), John Barr (Finance), Susan-Jane Bynoe (Vice-Chair), Spencer Clinton (Christian Development), Christine Crosby (Facilities), Rev. Anne Dionisio (Minister), Sue Hawton (Trustees), Deborah Johnston (Secretary), André Latchman (Worship), Pam Lock (Outreach/Regional Representative), Jeanette May (Chair), Gary Norris (Treasurer), Rev. Norm Seli (Minister), Valerie Winters (AIC-Property)

Regrets: Cher Colford (Jubilee Cares), Fran Crabe (UCW), Doris Doidge (Member-at-Large), Bill Watson (Trustees)

Call to Order

- Jeanette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked Revs. Norm and Anne for their dedication to making Easter a memorable season for Jubilee.
- Jeanette introduced André Latchman as the new Chair of Worship and invited the other Council members to introduce themselves.

Agenda Review

No changes were made.

Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting on February 11, 2026

*Moved by Rev. Norm Seli and seconded by John Barr that the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Council meeting be approved.
Carried*

Receipt of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on March 15, 2026

*Moved by Val Winters and seconded by Christine Crosby that the minutes of the March 15, 2026 Annual General Meeting be received.
Carried*

Ministers' Reports

Rev. Norm Seli

- Lent and Easter at Jubilee had wonderful participation and engagement.
- Through Lent, a "Soul Making in the Desert" Sunday afternoon Study Group was held that had between 15 and 21 attendees. This has now become a monthly "Brown Bag and Bible" session on the second Sunday of each month starting in May.
- "What Matters" conversations went well and are now imagining ways to continue them.
- Palm Sunday Muffin Church had over 100 people in attendance.
- Maundy Thursday had about 80 attendees and the response was positive and spiritual.
- Good Friday had over 100 people attend in person and 145 on-line.
- Easter Morning SonRise service had 20 in attendance on the labyrinth at 8 a.m.
- The Easter Breakfast and 10:30 service were very well attended and appreciated.
- 30 Jubilee folk are going to see "Emma" at Scarborough Village Theatre on April 19 and many are going to the Stone Cottage Pub afterwards.
- Norm has two meetings with new folks to look for ways to involve them in Jubilee.

- Norm is coordinating with Rev. Emily Gordon to have Burning Bush Eco-ministry integrated with Jubilee. Emily will be preaching at Jubilee on April 26, which will align with Jubilee's celebration of Earth Day.
- Legacy Giving will be recognized in May as a month-long gentle campaign, including a Saturday breakfast on May 30 to talk about Legacy Giving.
- Pride Sunday will be celebrated on May 31.
- Indigenous Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Sunday, June 21.
- Muffin Church is planned for June 28.
- Pastorally, the number of deaths and funerals has slowed down but there are still several cases that require pastoral attention from the ministers.

Rev. Anne Dionisio

- Spencer has taken on leading the youth and there are now four consistent members.
- Requests have been made to begin a confirmation class. Spencer will lead the group on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., from April 12 to mid-May, and Norm and Anne will help with some sessions. Norm and Anne are also seeking interest in an adult confirmation group.
- Roz facilitated a Path of the Wise Woman event on February 21, which was very well received and had 13 participants. Anne is investigating how to make these workshops available to more participants.
- André worked with Kye to lead "Common Ground" on March 1 and it received great feedback. Spencer is working with Kye and Anne to lead the next session on May 3.
- Bible Study time is shifting to 2-3 p.m. after coffee.
- Spencer and Cher assisted Anne in sorting out the art supply closet in the Friendship Room. Special thanks to Barb Secord and Marcus O'Brien for their help in getting rid of garbage and assisting with final touches.
- Dates for the Ukulele Camp have been announced in the bulletin and registration will start shortly.

Committee Reports

Property Report

Val Winters

- Name plates for each of the church cornerstones have been ordered, and will be installed on the cornerstone bench this spring.
- Quotes for leveling the walkway around the cross are being requested, for a spring completion.
- The electrical box that was a trip hazard has been removed.
- The committee is working on replacing the main plaque installation at the front entrance to Jubilee in order to incorporate all five amalgamated churches.
- The accessible washroom has had a pull-down grab bar installed after consulting with some of the users of that washroom.
- Various volunteer workdays have been coordinated: painting in the garden room and the hallway by the auditorium and the day care, setting up the "pantry" so the stage storage does not need to be accessed for community table meal preps. The stage is being cleaned up to make it more organized.
- A Spring Clean-up workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 in conjunction with Jubilee Cares, as an opportunity to get families involved in taking care of the church.
- The committee is reviewing three HVAC engineering quotes to assess and help with the process of replacing Jubilee's HVAC system. Trustees Rai Rimmel and Mag Nashid will also review the quotes and provide input on the process. The plan is to have the preferred engineer selected before the next Council meeting.

Outreach Report

Pam Lock (see attached report)

- Pam stated that Jubilee continues to support food banks through designated offerings, and Gary Norris has sent cheques to the local Community Share Food Bank, Toronto Urban Native Ministry, the Scott Mission, and the national Mission and Service Fund.
- The springtime Speakers' series will be held on April 13, 20, and 27.
- Pam would appreciate suggestions for topics and speakers for future series who can illustrate the theme of "Be Informed, Be Entertained, Be Inspired".
- There was discussion about people not being able to attend the lectures because of the daytime scheduling. Rev. Norm suggested that with the lecturer's approval, an audio recording be made and accessible through a telephone number. This would only be available for a few days following the event, as is done for the Sunday sermons. This would limit the number of people who have access to it so that it does not compromise the speakers' livelihood. Rev. Norm will advertise the telephone access in the Saturday email blast.

Other Business

Council Coffee Service

Jeanette May

- Jeanette requested two additional volunteers to assist with the April coffee service. Gary volunteered for set-up on April 12 and Susan-Jane volunteered for clean-up on April 19.

Fundraising and Event Support

Jeanette May

- Jeanette explained that Pat Lansche has been serving as the Chair of the Fundraising & Event Support Committee for several years, but has not been able to attend Council meetings for the past two years due to a conflict.
- Jeanette described Pat's role in assisting with event planning, including finding volunteers and suggesting dates. Unfortunately, no one has consulted Pat in her role for the past couple of years, so there was discussion around whether this role should continue. It was clarified that this is not an approving role.
- It was suggested that rather than disband the role, every two to three months people be invited to meet after church to discuss fundraising/event ideas, with Pat there as a resource.

ACTION: Norm will reach out to Pat to schedule the first after church discussion date.

- Jeanette stated that the Garage Sale planning is well underway, but they need help in delivering flyers.
- Jeanette announced that the fall Garage Sale will be headed up by Kris McGillen.
- André, Rav, Sue, and Deborah volunteered to help with the Fall Market.
- Val requested that the proceeds from the Fall Market be directed to the Refugee fund. Rev. Norm stated that the funds should still be reported as part of Jubilee's fundraising.

Moved by Val Winters and seconded by Pam Lock, that funds raised from the Fall 2026 Jubilee Market be designated for the Refugee Fund.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

June 10

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved May 13, 2026

Jeanette May