

Church Services Committee

The Church Services Committee coordinates with the minister to support Sunday, special and lay-led services. This includes providing advice on themes and format, as well as ensuring congregant involvement in services through roles such as service leaders, ushers, chalice lighters, readers, etc.

Much of this committee's work during the 2016-17 church year has been focused on implementing various aspects of the UCE strategic plan. This has included re-instituting service leaders for Sunday services, as well as reviewing and adjusting some components of the Sunday service. Most notable in the latter was the matter of announcements – their format, content, and place in the service. The committee decided to experiment with placing announcements at the end of the service, which seems to be working well. An additional decision taken was that service leaders and the minister should not regurgitate announcements already printed in the order of service, and also to restrict additional announcements to matters related to the church, and not promoting outside organizations and interests.

Church Services Committee members are Lance Beswick, Audrey Brooks, Julius Buski (chair), David Hagel, Beth Jenkins, Jennifer Hinchcliffe, Brian Kiely, John Pater, and Gordon Ritchie.