

Committee/Team Name: [Pastoral Care Team)

Purpose of Committee:To provide care and support to members, friends and staff of the Unitarian Church of Edmonton.

Members: Reverend Rosemary Morrison, Gloria Krenbrenk, Alec Moorji and Carol Hutchings

Major Actions of 2024/25

- Action 1 - circulated a survey to members of the congregation to determine their needs as well as to determine what services each member might be prepared to provide.
- Action 2 - Developed Terms of Reference for our team
- Action 3 -Developed a portal in the UU newsletter that the congregation can use to contact team members.
- Action 5 - Developed a data gathering tool where visits or contacts are recorded

Outcomes Achieved

- Greater understanding of the needs of the congregation as well as the members who might be able to assist in meeting them.
- Better understanding of the scope of our work.
- Easier access to team members and faster response times from the team.
- Less duplication of service and a better sense of who is doing what.

Planned Actions for 2025/26

- Increase awareness of the team members, and the support we provide through: church services, presentations, newsletter additions, commercial breaks, a song, etc.
- Explore the idea of a telephone tree to: 1. Disseminate important information quickly and 2. To provide ongoing support to members who may be home-bound.
- Advertise through the newsletter and a church service for a volunteer to coordinate these activities.
- Prepare a list of resources that can be included in the newsletter and would be accessible to the Pastoral Care Team.

Recommendations for Board Consideration -

- Keep up the good work.

Submitted by: Carol Hutchings