

Governance Advisory Team

Purpose of Committee The purpose of this task team(GAT) is to advise and support implementation of the recommendations from the Good Governance Task Team and Financial Best Practices Task Team from 2020 relating to supporting strong and effective governance systems and policies and procedures that advance UCE vision and mission. This team offers advice to groups developing policies.

Members: Brandie Moller-Reid,Karen Mills,Louise Charach,Lynne Turvey

Major Actions of 2025/26

- Responded to motion of the Board for GAT to start of the process of updating our 2016 Strategic Plan.
- Facilitated in person and on line consultation sessions and a survey with congregation to gather insights on how UCE should prioritize and resource efforts. Analyses of the results will guide strategic plan
- Health and Safety Manual completed by Brandie Moller-Reid, completing an outstanding goal from 2020 Best Governance Practices recommendations
- Introduced 50/50 initiative as UCE fundraiser
- Approved template for use by those seeking to do presentations to Board to increase clarity and consistency of requests and ensure all key information is included
- Completed regular newsletter articles to keep congregants informed of actions and future plans
- Elevator speech session planned for April 19, 2026

Outcomes Achieved

- Provided opportunity for congregational input into updated strategic plan and communicated future plans
- Contributed to financial health of the church through introduction of ongoing 50/50 initiative
- Completed manual to guide health and safety of congregation as recommended in 2020 report
- Ensured GAT actions align with Board and Ministry priorities

Planned Actions for 2026/27

- Complete revised Strategic Plan to lead UCE to 2030, based on further consultations, goal setting, and resource planning

Recommendations for Board Consideration (if any)

- Be champions and ambassadors of the revised Strategic Plan

Submitted by:Louise Charach, Chair