

WOODCLIFF UNITED CHURCH COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

*“We sing of God’s good news lived out,
a church with purpose:
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
gifts shared for the good of all,
resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,
fierce love in the face of violence,
human dignity defended,
members of a community held and inspired by God,
corrected and comforted,
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,
creation’s mending.
We sing of God’s mission.”*

(A Song of Faith, 2006)

This document provides more detail about the governance structure of Woodcliff United Church embedded in the Woodcliff United Church Constitution. It outlines the responsibilities and structures of its standing committees, its Trustees, and the various ministries that carry out the work of Woodcliff United Church and describes the interrelationships between these groups and the Woodcliff United Church Council. It is an “organic” document, changing as the ministry of the church changes, seeking to live out the mandate of Jesus. It is a permission-giving document, encouraging creativity and new ideas to emerge within the church, believing that each person in the community has spiritual imagination and insights that will contribute to strengthening the ministry of Woodcliff United Church.

The Woodcliff United Church Constitution provides the frame of reference for this document and articulates the core values embraced by all of our ministries. In all areas of ministry, we will follow The United Church of Canada’s Manual (2016), Guidelines, and Handbooks. The Minister is an ex officio member of all committees except for the Ministry and Personnel Committee, the Nominations Committee, and any Joint Needs Assessment and Joint Search Committees formed from time to time.

MISSION

Together we worship and praise God, grow as Christians, and share our journey in friendship and service.

VISION

We strive to be a vibrant and caring community living our faith.

VALUES

Living out the teachings of Jesus with openness, grace and love

Building our relationships on trust, honesty and respect

Building a safe and inclusive environment, supportive of where people are in their spiritual journey

Being open to change that enables personal, spiritual and organizational growth

Caring for people locally and globally

Promoting the care of God's world

In addition, Woodcliff United Church embraces a "Duty of Care" and Council recognizes its responsibility to ensure the safety of all members of the Woodcliff faith community as required by both church and secular law. All committees of and ministries undertaken by Woodcliff United Church are directly accountable to the Congregation, The Body of Christ.

What follows are the Committee Structure documents for each of the standing committees and the Trustees of WUC. It is intended that each standing committee and the Trustees will review their individual Committee Structure document at least once every five (5) years and take any proposed revisions to Council for approval.

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