

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Statement of Purpose

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit. We gather to celebrate God's presence, to discern God's truth, and to follow the way of Jesus. By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church. We exercise this membership in the denomination to which we belong, which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith. We are now to welcome into this congregation those who are already members of the church of Jesus Christ.

Presentation – **New members please stand and come forward as your name is called.**

Minden United Church Representative shall say:

On behalf of Minden United Church's congregation, I present the following persons whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith: Margaret Fletcher & Marvin Anderson.

Commitment of New Members

Marvin & Margaret, will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God's help.

* **Congregational Commitment** – **All Stand where able**

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

* **Corporate Profession of Faith** – **A New Creed VU # 918**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in our congregation. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Congregational Welcome

(Certificate, Handshakes & Hugs)