

The United Church of Canada

Burgeo Pastoral Charge

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JOINTS NEEDS ASSESSMENT – AUGUST 2017

Community Profile:

The Burgeo Pastoral Charge consists of one preaching point, (Faith United). The point is located in Burgeo with a manse available for the minister and his/her family. The manse does have some basic items in it, and a list can be provided upon request. It should also be mentioned that this summer we installed a new heating system in the manse, the heat pump system which is supposed to be economical and provide a great source of warm clean heat.

Burgeo is a rural community that was first settled in the late 1700's and it has a current population of approximately 1300 people. Historically it had a strong tie to the fishery but since the Cod moratorium in 1992 that changed drastically when the fish plant was closed. Some residents have moved away but there are many who travel elsewhere for seasonal work but still call Burgeo their home. The positive spin is that the families who remain home are committed to the social programs within the community and to their church.

We have a modern hospital serviced by 2 doctors, an all grade school with a public library which includes internet access. We also have a full service Scotiabank, Coast Guard, RCMP, a volunteer Fire Department, Post Office and a town museum. There are also several grocery stores and a hardware store, a pharmacy, 1 gas station and 2 garages.

Burgeo has a paved highway connecting the community to the Trans Canada Highway 146 km away. The distance to the Stephenville airport is 180 km and the Deer Lake airport is 260 km away. The city of Corner Brook is 210 km away where the regional hospital is located and is usually where most go for medical appointments such as specialist doctors, dentists and eye care. We are also serviced by a dentist who travels from Corner Brook approximately 1 weekend per month.

We have a very active Lions and Lioness club, a seniors club called the 50+ club, as stated before a volunteer Fire Department along with their spouses belonging to a group called the Burnettes. There are also ladies group within the churches such as the UCW (United Church Women) and the ACW (Anglican Church Women). All of these groups support their community in various ways. We have a community center, a fire hall and the 50+ club building all available for public and social functions. Our community is rich in volunteers who are very community minded. There are 3 denominations within our town, Anglican, United and Roman Catholic, with the majority of the residents being Anglican.

Burgeo also has a local cable TV company, the BBS (Burgeo Broadcasting System) that offers both cable and high speed internet. And cell service is available in town but not when travelling the Route 480 highway.

Burgeo also has a recreational building, Storm Stadium which is used for ice hockey and general skating and in the summer it is used for summer programs for the youth. It also has a room to rent for parties and other social events. There is also a ball field next to the recreational center and a playground next to the school complete with jungle gyms, swing sets, a basketball court and a tennis court

Ministry Profile:

The church and the manse are located next to each other. There is a paved driveway in front on the manse and along the side of the church. The church is well maintained with a warm oak décor inside. Over the years and most recently there have been extensive renovations both inside and out. We have a wheelchair accessible ramp and this past summer, new carpet was installed. The manse has also been well maintained and the kitchen and bathroom was recently renovated, some new flooring and painted. Also a new heat pump heating system was installed just a couple of months ago. The manse also has a full basement that in the past was used for meetings, Sunday school and some social functions. It includes a small kitchenette and a washroom (toilet and sink). For the past couple of years it has been used for meetings like Official Board, UCW and Worship & Sacrament or social gatherings like tea with the minister and prayer partner reveal around Christmas.

The church also had a hall which was previously used for the meetings and social gatherings but a few years ago it was changed into the Bargain Place. This is a place where local residents can both donate and purchase clothing, footwear, toys, books, puzzles and other household items. This operation is run totally by volunteers from our church and helps to support our church financially. We cannot express how this helps to keep our church alive and for our Projects committee volunteers we are forever grateful. Hours of operation are Tuesday to Saturday from 1-4 pm.

Worship at the church is usually every Sunday from 11:00am – 12:00pm, with evening services being held during Christmas and Easter. Sometimes Ecumenical services may be held in the evening as well.

Resource Profile:

Hymns are from the Red book, Voices United or the Blue book. The church has a choir that leads with hymns every church service and we are always seeking others to join. We are proud to have a great group of volunteers who are always ready to offer their help and services whenever called upon. The United church in Burgeo has close connections and it is such a friendly family church.

Position and Skills Profile:

The Burgeo Pastoral Charge requires the service of a ***Part time Ordained or Diaconal and/or Lay Minister*** (20 hours per week/willing to serve 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off.) with the following qualities:

- A warm friendly personality with the ability to communicate effectively with all ages including our youth as they are our future.
- Good preaching skills.
- Strong interest in visitation of the sick, shut-ins and bereaved with the help of the congregation.
- Show strong leadership with the ability to motivate others including organizing programs.
- Foster our church as a friendly community family church.
- Any musical background would definitely be an asset as well.

Profile Terms:

Salary – Increment Category = A to F.

Continuing Education and Book Allowance – ½ as per United church policy.

Travel – as per policy.

Housing – Manse provided, it includes 3 bedrooms, a large living room, kitchen/dinette, small bathroom, laundry room and office. Manse allowance - as per policy.

Moving Expenses – Responsibility of the Pastoral Charge.

Profile Positives & Negatives:

Our positives include: The church is in good financial control with checks and balances in place. The manse and church are located next door to each other and both have been well maintained. We have a few Lay readers available to help out with services and anything else deemed helpful to our church. We have a local musician who when called upon will provide us with music and song for our services. People know each other well and they are quick to work together. The Bargain Place supports our church financially and also helps low income family buy gently used clothes and household items at a very reasonable price. The UCW hosts a couple of fund raisers and donates \$3500.00 to the church annually. Burgeo is a very quaint, quiet and welcoming community and being a small town almost everything is close by. And a very safe place to live. One of the things we are most proud of is our beautiful Sandbanks Provincial Park. It boasts 7 km of spectacular white sandy beaches and there are several walking trails throughout the park's wooded areas and sand dunes. The park includes 30 campsites with a comfort and dumping station. There is an annual Sand & Sea Festival held the last weekend in July. It's a 3 day festival which includes lots of entertainment and great food which attracts many tourists.

We would also like to add that we feel that this pastoral charge would be very suitable for a retired person given the scope of our needs and the size of our pastoral charge.

Our negative includes: We are, like most small rural communities in our province experiencing an aging population with a number of our faithful supporters passing away over the past number of years and unfortunately, we see the same going forward.

MISSION STATEMENT

To reach out in love and compassion to all who are under the care of the Worship and Sacrament Committee.

To share the good news and salvation in Jesus Christ, and to encourage others to practise stewardship.

BURGEO PASTORAL CHARGE 3 YEAR PROJECTIONS

The years 2017, 2018 and 2019 are based on a part time basis. It is quite plain to see we cannot carry on as full time status thus our reason for seeking part time.

BURGEO PASTORAL CHARGE 3 YEAR PROJECTION RECEIPTS:

	2017	2018	2019
Local & Special offerings	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
Bargain Place/Projects Comm	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$12,000
Birthday Cans	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,500
UCW	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Loose Collections	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Lenten Folders	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
GST Rebate	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
United Community Shower	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Easter Envelopes	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Funeral Home	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Christmas Envelopes	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Thanksgiving	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350
Recyclables	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Building	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150
Envelope Cost Recovery	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Advent Folders	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL -----	\$50,700	\$50,700	\$54,000

EXPENDITURE:

	2017	2018	2019
Payroll	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$33,000
Office	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$1,000
Church building	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,000
Hall	\$2,500	\$2,600	\$2,700
Manse	\$4,000	\$4,300	\$4,500
Other	\$13,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
TOTAL-----	\$47,700	\$45,900	\$49,200

Other expenses include: District Assessment, Insurance, Professional fees, Continuing Education, Church service expense, Bank charges, Travel and Miscellaneous.