

BOARD UPDATE

Red Deer Lake United Church

October 14, 2023



AGENDA

- Search Team
- McDougall United Church
- Mark Tremblay
- Lunch

SEARCH TEAM



Michelle Den Hoed, Mike Jackson, Ron Steele, Wilma Clark, Pat Yerex, Kessa Den Hoed, and Roland Eitle

Using official United Church of Canada resources to find a new fulltime minister since May 2023

SEARCH TEAM COMMENTS

- The United Church of Canada provides a confidential website called **Church Hub** for ministers and congregations to find each other
- When we started out (May 7, 2023), one of our team **read each of the 172 profiles** of full-time candidates, plus new ones that come in
- Most **did not** want to come to Calgary
- Focused on those **willing to consider** Calgary/Chinook Winds Region
- Now have **15 sheets document** with the candidates sorted, screened, and narrowed down

SEARCH TEAM STATS

Overall

- **245** candidates
- **235** with English
- **88** no location specified



Of Those

- **44** in or willing to locate to Chinook Winds Region
- **33** full time
- **11** part time

SEARCH TEAM STATS

Candidates

- **25** contacted
- **10** inquired
- **No** from most
- **No reply** from a few



Interviews

- **1** cancelled
- **1** no reply
- **2** conducted, but neither worked out



SEARCH TEAM COMMENTS

- There is a growing **shortage** of ministers
- The team is struggling to find **suitable** candidates
- The search might **take longer** than many expected

MCDOUGALL UNITED CHURCH

Michelle Den Hoed, Jodi Floodstedt,
and Doug Den Hoed

In August, Michelle was approached by Rev. Karen Medland (Chinook Winds Region, Regional Minister) asking if RDLUC was interested in talking to some other churches regarding some sharing of resources

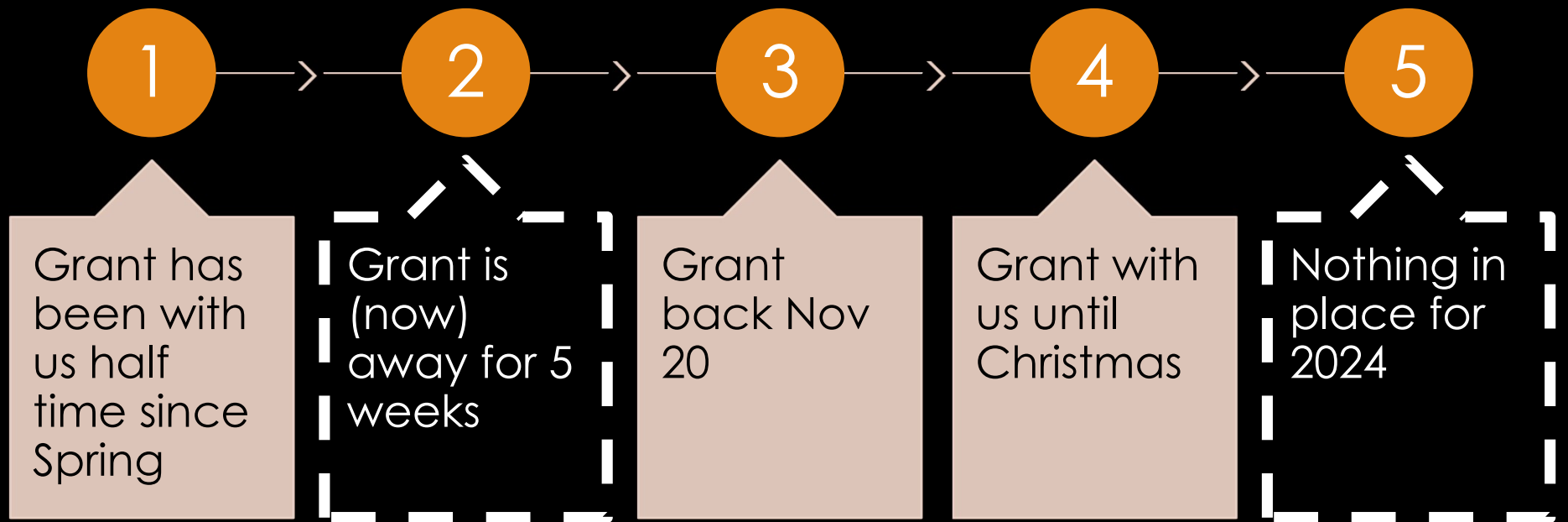




MCDOUGALL + RDLUC

- We met at Okotoks United Church on **August 14** with Karen and a team from McDougall United Church (Barrie Clayton, Joanne Pritchard & Daren Patterson)
- Barrie shared his idea of how, as a church, we need to looking at doing things differently and how maybe we could **work together** as they had extra ministerial staff time
- McDougall has **already been working** with Ogden United Church and had been sharing their minister, Bill Weaver, while their lead minister, Joanne Anquist, was on sabbatical, and they also have another part time minister, Danah Cox

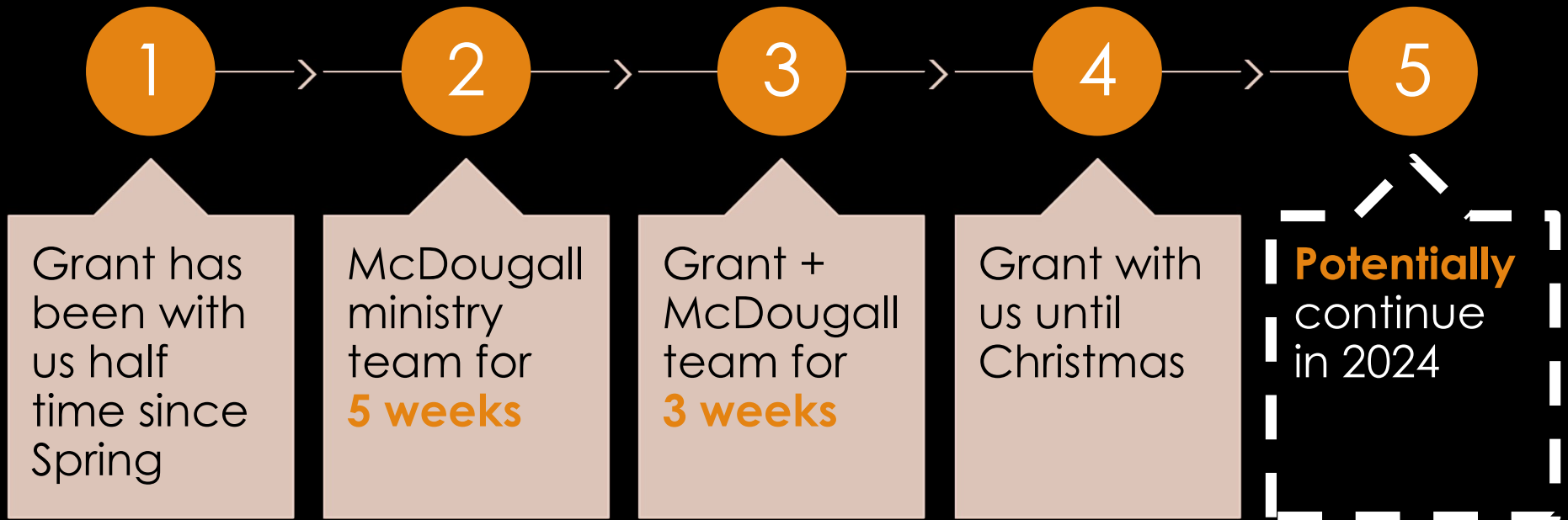
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MCDOUGALL + RDLUC COMMENTS

- Reverends Bill, Joanne, and Danah will be **sharing** worship service for the next 5 weeks (1/2 time)
- They look forward to meeting us and our other RDLUC groups during that time, noting the scheduling is **TBD**
- They'll then **overlap with Grant** for 3 weeks (1/4 time)
- Their focus in that time (weekdays) will be to **consider extending** this agreement into the new year
- This is an **exciting opportunity**, and we are grateful to the team from McDougall UC inviting us to work with them!

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Bill
Weaver



Danah
Cox



Joanne
Anquist



Angie
Johnson



Jennifer
Aldous



Grant
Dawson

MARK TREMBLAY

Michelle Den Hoed, Mike Jackson,
and Doug Den Hoed

With the city development
approaching, we've also
continued investigating the idea
of RDLUC becoming a
Community Hub



MARK TREMBLAY COMMENTS

- Mike Jackson (with assistance from Chinook Winds) applied for and successfully **obtained grant money** for us to investigate the Community Hub concept
- Karen Medlands from CW recommended we engage **Mark Tremblay** who is a former minister and has experience in this area
- Mark agreed to help, and his work is **now underway** to assess what community opportunities and other agencies are coming with whom RDLUC might collaborate, using our space
- He will be providing his interim report later in October, and his **final report in December**
- We can then use the report for **long term planning**

THANK YOU!

- To the **Youth and leaders** for today's service
- To the **Search Team** for all their efforts so far
- To the teams at **McDougall UC and RDLUC** for the exciting opportunity to work together
- To **Mark Tremblay** for helping us look down the road
- To **those who've prepared** today's lunch
- To **you all** for joining us today and supporting RDLUC

- Let's now go eat together in fellowship! All proceeds will be donated to the Calgary Food Bank.