

Church Conference

Groton & Conde United Methodist Churches



2017

November 19, 2016

At Groton, SD

Eastern Sunrise District

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Charge Conference Minutes

UNITED METHODIST PARISH CHARGE CONFERENCE
GROTON/CONDE CHURCHES
NOVEMBER 7, 2015

The Annual Charge Conference took place at the Groton United Church. Persons in attendance were: Groton: Jeanne Wanous, Linda Thurston, Jolene Townsend, Alan Townsend, Brad Morehouse, Marc Johnson, Jane Johnson, Pastor Thomas Carlson, Carna Atherton-Pray, Anita Lowary, and Marjorie Overacker. Conde: Betty Jensen, Judy Zeck, Jim Zeck, Marion Jensen, Donna Hearnen, Cindy Smith, Jane Worlie, Pat Siefken, and Loren Siefken.

The Rev. Randy Cross, Eastern Sunrise District Superintendent, led the meeting. He began with a prayer and then gave a brief history of charge conferences in the horse & buggy days. Rev. Cross did a quick review of the content in the Charge Conference booklet and asked everyone to confirm that they are satisfied with the Groton 82% / Conde 18% split between both churches. All those in attendance indicated that they were satisfied. Rev. Cross then asked for one mass vote to agree on the budget presented and all other appointments listed in the booklet as our guide for 2016. All those present voted yes to approve content in the booklet as printed.

Rev. Cross then conducted a discussion to guide us all in thinking about our churches going forward. We should consider that what activities we are doing at our churches may be important, but not necessary. He suggested we ask ourselves these questions: “Who is to receive the blessing of the work” and “why do we do the church activities we do”? After discussing what our churches are known for and what we would like to change about our churches, Rev. Cross asked how many of us are regularly praying for these things to come about? He said that fundamentally we need to lay a rock foundation of prayer. He suggested that a good idea would be to involve our home bound people to pray for us and for what we are trying to accomplish.

Pastor Thomas shared a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 pm.

Jeanne Wanous, Secretary
Groton UMC Administrative Council

Pastoral Report

Greetings Friends,

As we prepare for charge conference I would like all of us to first be in prayer for how God may be leading us this year. As I begin to think about the amazing power of prayer and how God can lead us into new directions I had a bible verse come to mind that I believe will be our theme bible verse for next year.

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19 ESV*

As we look to aim our focus on this bible verse over the next year. I would like to remind us of our goals that each church had set so we and keep our focus into this next year.

Conde Goals:

-) Host one dinner theater a year in late March or early April.
-) Start a monthly one thing challenge.
-) Sponsor a parents shopping / date night. (we will invite parents to drop their children off while they go out shopping or out for a date.)
-) Host two community's meals / activities a year.

Groton Goals:

-) Have the best Youth and Children's ministry.
-) Strengthen our hospitality team.
-) Forming new small groups.
-) Foster great stewardship.

It is my hope and prayer that we may keep our focus on how God may be lead us as individuals and as a church to witness God's love through our day to day relationships and our deeply committed relationships with each other.

I give thanks for all of you and your willingness to be stretched and try new things. Over the last year God has continued to blow my mind with how he is using us to make a difference in our communities as we partner together to reach new people.

I'm truly blessed to be your pastor and look forward to walking with all of you as we continue to seek what it is that God may be leading us to be next. I'm excited to see where God is going to take us over our next year of ministry together!

May God's mighty love continue to bless and keep you!



Pastor Thomas Carlson

Parish 2017 Budget

Groton & Conde UMC

Description		2017 Budget
Beginning Balance		82/18 Split
Conde Income		16,483.82
Groton Income		75,090.68
Total Income		91,574.00
Expenses Pastor		
ARP		8,200.00
Pension	*	500.00
Pension - Fund 3		10,815.00
HealthFlex		12,017.00
HealthFlex Pastor Premium	*	4,293.00
Medical Reimbursement	*	1,000.00
Salary	*	34,249.00
Parsonage Expenses		
City Utilities		4,500.00
Phone & Cable		3,300.00
Insurance (Parsonage & WorkComp)		2,250.00
Office Expenses		
Copier Service		1,600.00
Phone		1,250.00
Supplies		800.00
Secretary		3,200.00
CCLI License		200.00
Computer/Office Furniture		500.00
Other Expenses		
Conference Fees		1,700.00
Pulpit Supply		800.00
Miscellaneous		400.00
Total Expenses		91,574.00

* Items are all part of Pastor Salary when added together.

Parish Parsonage Maintenance

2017 Budget

Groton UMC Monthly \$164.00 = 1,968.00

Conde UMC Monthly \$36.00 = 432.00

Yearly Total to Parish Parsonage Maintenance Fund \$2,400.00

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

The primary responsibility of this Committee is to confer and counsel with the Pastor keeping the Pastor advised concerning conditions within the congregations as they affect relations between the Pastor and the People, to provide evaluation annually for the Pastor's use in an ongoing effective ministry, to consult on matters pertaining to pulpit supply, proposals for salary, reimbursable expenses, vacation, continuing education, and other practical matters affecting the work and family of the pastor; and to enlist, interview, evaluate, review, and recommend annually to the Charge Conference persons for candidacy for ministry. The Committee shall cooperate with the Pastor, the District Superintendent, and the Bishop in securing clergy leadership, and its relationship shall be advisory only.

Chairperson.....Lon Gellhaus (18)
Secretary.....*to be elected*
Lay Member of Annual Conference.....Carna Atherton-Pray (17)
Parish Treasurer, Parsonage Maintenance Fund Treasurer.....Meri Erickson (17)
Lay Leader Groton.....Dale Kramer (19)
Lay Leader Conde.....Patty Knoll (19)

2017

Lars Hanson (G)
Al Townsend (G)
Pat Siefken (C)

2018

Lon Gellhaus (G)
Erin Bahr (G)
Brent Morehouse (G)

2019

Myndi Kampa (G)
Bruce Herman (C)
Tyke Nyberg (G)

Membership Report

To the Charge Conference

Conde UMC Membership Report

Membership as of November 7, 2015: 41 Members

Membership as of November 19, 2016: 38 Members

MEMBERS REMOVED

By Death

Betty Jensen 4/23/16

By Transfer

James Zeck

Judy Zeck

Groton UMC Report of Membership

Membership as of Nov 7, 2015: 216 Members

Membership as of Nov 19, 2016: 211 Members

MEMBERS RECEIVED

By Profession of Faith:

Grady O'Neill 5/8/16
Dylan Graf 5/8/16
Kaycie Hawkins 5/8/16
Austin Jones 5/8/16
Anthony Schinkel 5/8/16

By Transfer

Jim Zeck
Judy Zeck

By Transfer:

Mary Ann Wehde
Malarie Yeaton
Tim Yeaton

BAPTISMS

Jaeden Morehouse 12/13/15
Emmett Morehouse 8/14/16
Gauge Robert Johnson 10/30/16

MEMBERS REMOVED

By Death:

Robert Snyder 11/25/15
Robert Wehde 12/21/15
Michelle Padfield 1/9/16
Jean Lowary 4/23/16
Reta Washnok 6/21/16
Audrey Padfield 7/8/16
Donald Walter 7/10/16
Twila Ruden 10/9/16
Audrey Thurston 10/25/16

MARRIAGES

Traci Davies & Dale Kramer 4/16/16
Sydney Erickson & Blake Wilkinson
10/15/16

Groton UMC Mission Statement

Enriching Spiritual Lives through Christ



Groton Lay Leader's Report

As the lay leader for the Groton UMC, I am always so amazed at the wonderful people who volunteer and do the work of the church. New volunteers working with the seasoned volunteers and new programs being created to meet the needs of today's members. And while some say we are not the same church we used to be, I say we are better. We are better because we are meeting people where they are at – we are better because we are focused on the now.

This year I have needed the church. My mother-in-law and my mother have both passed away. And both times, the church has served us. Pastor Thomas has been there for us. I remember when we in the church first met Pastor Thomas. He told one of his strengths was in supporting people through difficult times and he was right. He was there when we needed support and prayers and strength. My family members were positively influenced by his presence and his support.

Pastor Thomas also told us one of his strengths was radical hospitality and he was right. He has been where the action has been. He creates followers wherever he is and those are the people who will lead us into the future.

We are privileged to have all sorts of leaders in the church - some in formal roles, like Pastor Thomas, and so many more in informal roles. We need to support our new leaders and to continue to reach out in many ways – old and new. We need radical leaders who are willing to step out into the light and shine for others.

Dale Kramer is your new lay leader for the next year. Please welcome him to this role. Share your thoughts about the church with him and keep him updated on what is going on. Thanks, Dale, for stepping up to let your light shine. Carna Atherton-Pray

Groton UMW Annual Report

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9

Using the UMW Purpose as our guide and the vision of turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth here in the Groton community, in the Dakotas Conference, and around the world has kept our UMW unit busy this past year. Our prayers, our time, and our talents have enabled our unit to accomplish the following:

-) Welcomed 2 new members to our UMW unit
-) Received the “3 Flame” and “5 Star Giving” Awards from the Eastern Sunrise District
-) Awarded the “UMW Jewel of a Women Pin” Rose Tewksbury
-) Awarded the “UMW Special Recognition Pins” to Marjae Schinkel and Lon Gellhaus
-) Encourage members to take part in the Tues. morning or Thurs. evening Women’s Bible Study
-) Held our 2nd annual “No Bake – Bake Sale” in the fall
-) Hosted and invited the community to our “Spring Salad Luncheon” in May
-) Conducted our June meeting at the Golden Living Center, visited residents and served cookies
-) Continued our revised Love Ribbon Program and applied for 2 Love Ribbon Grants
-) Conducted the UMW Sunday Worship Service on Oct 16
-) Participated in the 2nd Trunk or Treat Halloween Community event
-) Encourage participation in the UMW Reading Program with 2 women completing plans
-) Delivered Christmas goodies around the Groton Community in December
-) Continue to be in prayer for all each and every day
-) Participated in the World Thank Offering

Our financial support has enabled our unit to assist the following:

-) Our annual “pledge to mission” through the District and Conference UMW
-) Groton Family Crisis Fund and Groton Area Senior Meals
-) Groton Swimming Pool Passes and Groton Carnival of Skates
-) Groton Area School Lunch Programs and Post Prom Party
-) Youth programs, such as VBS, camping, Sunday School, UMYF and the Angel Tree Program

Our goal for 2017 is to continue to grow in membership and participation of our UMW unit. We have some new and fun ideas planned for next year. We will continue to be supportive of the women, children and youth in our community. We want to be the eyes, ears, and hands of Christ to help those in need.

I would like to say a special thank you to the UMW officers and Mission Coordinators for their time, talent and leadership. Thank you to all the UMW members for their support and assistance whenever they are called upon. We are fortunate to have faithful and awesome women as members of the Groton UMW who care and serve others as God has taught us. I look forward to the coming year.

Jolene Townsend, UMW President

Groton Trustee Report

The Trustee committee has had a busy year with the completion of the 2015 remodeling project. Completed projects included all windows replaced, outside light fixtures, cross on top of the church, new fascia installed, new exit lights and upper large beams were wrapped with metal to prevent further water damage. In 2016 a new sidewalk was installed on the north side of the church. A small part of the parking lot had to be torn out and replaced to facilitate water drainage away from the church building. Bug control, lawn care and furnace/air conditioner maintenance was done. The 2017 highway project is underway and an easement was signed for a new lift station on the NW corner of the property. The church is now in compliance with all insurance and fire requirements.

New updates of the parsonage in 2016 included a new concrete driveway and patio. A drainage system was installed to have rain water drained away from the house. This was completed from a private memorial donation. A new washer and dryer were also installed.

Following a small vandalism incident in 2016 it was decided that the church will now be locked at night. At this time plans of installing an automatic key/keyless entry lock is underway with hopes of it being installed soon.

2017 will be another busy year for our church as we grow in numbers, activities and spiritual growth. I will be stepping down from this position and would like to thank our church family for all of your emotional, physical and monetary gifts. It was a learning and enjoyable experience. We are a blessed church family.

Marjorie Overacker, Trustee President

Groton 2017 Goals

-) To continue to strive to have the best Youth and Children's ministry
-) To strengthen our Hospitality team.
-) To begin to focus on forming small groups.
-) To teach stewardship (time, resource, and gifts).

Groton Budget

Description	Budget 2017
Expenses	
Conference Apportionments	16,700.00
Worship Ministry	
Music Salaries	3,500.00
Tuning Pianos	200.00
Music & Worship	300.00
Phone Call System	200.00
Church Office	250.00
Offering Envelopes	150.00
Education	
Children's Ministry	1,500.00
Camping + Endow Funds	1,500.00
Confirmation	300.00
Upper Room	220.00
Kitchen Items	
Lenten Services	200.00
Groceries	500.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Property Maintenance	
Heating NWPS	6,000.00
City Utilities	4,000.00
Phone	500.00
Janitor Salary	2,000.00
Janitor Supplies	400.00
Church Insurance	4,350.00
Parsonage Maint	1,968.00
Parish Fund	75,092.96
Miscellaneous	50.00
Total Operating Expenses	119,878.68

Groton Membership Report

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP ROLL

(as of 11/19/16)

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|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Atherton, Joshua | 40. Graf, Pernell | 81. Krueger, Curtis |
| 2. Atherton, Merrie | 41. Gubin, Meredith | 82. Krueger, Richard |
| 3. Atherton, Nathan | 42. Gubin, Ron | 83. Krueger, JoAnn |
| 4. Bahr, Andrea | 43. Hannon, Ida | 84. Lange, Yvonne |
| 5. Bahr, Brian | 44. Hanson, Cheryl | 85. Lipp, Kami |
| 6. Bahr, Damian | 45. Hanson, Dylan | 86. Lowary, John |
| 7. Bahr, Dion | 46. Hanson, Kari | 87. Lowary, Anita |
| 8. Bahr, Erin | 47. Hanson, Kelli | 88. Luce, Pauline |
| 9. Bartz, Don | 48. Hanson, Lars | 89. Luce, Ruby |
| 10. Breitzkreutz, Virginia | 49. Hanson, Cody | 90. Madsen, Brenda |
| 11. Brotherton, Clare | 50. Hawkins, Kaycie | 91. Madsen, Mason |
| 12. Dahlquist, Pat | 51. Hawkins, Katelyn | 92. Madsen, Mitchell |
| 13. Daly, Kay | 52. Hawkins, Kelby | 93. Madsen, Tony |
| 14. Davidson, Claire | 53. Hawkins, Kylie | 94. McClintic, Marie |
| 15. Davidson, Karla | 54. Hawkins, Lance | 95. McKittrick, Hazel |
| 16. Diegel, Becky | 55. Heitmann, Caralee | 96. McNickle, Laurel |
| 17. Diegel, Steve | 56. Heitmann, Garrett | 97. McNickle, Morgan |
| 18. Diegel, Treyton | 57. Heitmann, Gary | 98. McNickle, Murdock |
| 19. Dobbins, Angela | 58. Heitmann, Gregoray | 99. Mitchell, AM |
| 20. Ell, Kyler | 59. Hinman, Charity | 100. Mitchell, Laurie |
| 21. Ell, Reilly | 60. Hofer, Rick | 101. Mitchell, Jaymie |
| 22. Erickson, Evan | 61. Hofer, Sarah | 102. Mitchell, Corey |
| 23. Erickson, John | 62. Jacobson, Clint | 103. Morehouse, Brad |
| 24. Erickson, Meri | 63. Jacobson, Audrey | 104. Morehouse, Brent |
| 25. Erickson, Seth | 64. Johnson, Jay | 105. Morehouse, Diann |
| 26. Erickson, Sydney | 65. Johnson, Linda | 106. Morehouse, Jessica |
| 27. Flihs, Adrienne | 66. Johnson, Marc | 107. Morehouse, Julie |
| 28. Flihs, Tigh | 67. Johnson, Jane | 108. Morehouse, Justin |
| 29. Foltz, Desiree | 68. Johnson, Tanner | 109. Morehouse, Jesse |
| 30. Furman, Derick | 69. Jones, Austin | 110. Nilsson, Connie |
| 31. Furman, Samuel | 70. Jones, Marlee | 111. Nilsson, Dave |
| 32. Gellhaus, Lon | 71. Jones, Mendy | 112. Nilsson, Logan |
| 33. Gellhaus, Marva | 72. Kampa, Darlys | 113. Nilsson, Alexa |
| 34. Gilbert, Melissa | 73. Kampa, Myndi | 114. Nissen, Dianne |
| 35. Graf, Alex | 74. Kampa, Scott | 115. Nyberg, Christine |
| 36. Graf, Brady | 75. Knecht, Macy | 116. Nyberg, Sherwin |
| 37. Graf, Carolyn | 76. Knecht, Spencer | 117. Odland, Susan |
| 38. Graf, Dylan | 77. Knoll, DeLoris | 118. Oleson, Alec |
| 39. Graf, Noella | 78. Kramer, Dale | 119. Oleson, Kristopher |
| | 79. Kramer, Gabrielle | 120. Oleson, Michaela |
| | 80. Kramer, Michelle | |

121.	Olson, Tim			183.	Townsend, Alan
122.	Oliver, Robert	152.	Schinkel, Anthony	184.	Townsend, Jolene
123.	O'Neill, Grady	153.	Schinkel, Danielle	185.	Townsend, Zachary
124.	O'Neill, Kaitlin	154.	Schinkel, Marjae		
125.	Overacker, Jaymie	155.	Schinkel, Jasmine	186.	Voss, Anita
126.	Overacker, Jesse	156.	Schott, Loel	187.	Voss, Gary
127.	Overacker, Marjorie	157.	Severson, Jordan	188.	Voss, Richard
		158.	Severson, Leroy	189.	Voss, Jon
128.	Padfield, John	159.	Severson, Lynette	190.	Voss, Lacey
129.	Padfield, Chuck	160.	Sippel, Emery	191.	Voss, Gayleen
130.	Padfield, Joey	161.	Sippel, Camille		
131.	Padfield, Randy	162.	Sippel, Anthony	192.	Walter, Jean
132.	Padfield, Rebecca	163.	Sippel, Douglas	193.	Walter, Allen
133.	Padfield, Sabrina	164.	Sippel, Marc	194.	Walter, Joyce
134.	Pasteur, Ali	165.	Snyder, Carolyn	195.	Walter, Michelle
135.	Pasteur, Karla	166.	Strom, Alan	196.	Walter, Holly
136.	Peterson, Ben	167.	Strom, Jackson	197.	Wanous, Jeanne
137.	Peterson, Jocelyn	168.	Strom, Nicholas	198.	Webb, Hannah
138.	Peterson, Kristi	169.	Strom, Betty	199.	Webb, Turner
139.	Pharis, Gloria	170.	Strom, Dwight	200.	Weber, Craig
140.	Pharis, Harry	171.	Strom, Doris	201.	Weber, Kim
141.	Pharis, Kevin	172.	Strom, Luverne	202.	Wheeting, Larry
142.	Pray, Carna Atherton-	173.	Strom, Carol	203.	Wheeting, Sharon
143.	Pray, Cliff	174.	Strom, Crystal	204.	White, Alana
		175.	Strom, Cheri	205.	Wolken, Amber
144.	Raap, Bert	176.	Strom, Tom	206.	Wolken, Elaine
145.	Raap, Janice	177.	Suther, Kayla	207.	Wolken, Fred
146.	Rix, Anna				
147.	Rix, Gerald	178.	Tewksbury, Rose	208.	Zeck, Jim
148.	Rix, Roger	179.	Thurston, Gary	209.	Zeck, Judy
149.	Rodman, Marlys	180.	Thurston, Linda	210.	Zoellner, Doris
150.	Rose, Karen	181.	Thurston, Todd	211.	Zoellner, William
151.	Ruden, Richard	182.	Townsend, Marjory		

Groton Committee on Lay Leadership

Report to the Charge Conference

Persons are contacted about their willingness to serve in an office of the church for the first year of their term, but not contacted in following years when there is a term date after their name.

Thanks for your help.

Administrative Council

The purpose of the Administrative Council shall be to initiate planning, receive reports, set goals, authorize action, determine policy, evaluate the church's ministries, and review the state of the church. Members, organizations, and agencies of the local church are amenable to the Administrative Council.

Chairperson.....	Brad Morehouse (19)
Vice Chairperson.....	AM Mitchell (18)
Secretary.....	Jeanne Wanous (19)
Lay Leader.....	Dale Kramer (19)
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Carna Atherton-Pray (17)
Church Treasurer, Maintenance Fund Treasurer.....	Kristi Peterson (19)
Financial Secretary.....	Myndi Kampa (17)
Finance Chair.....	Alan Strom (17)
Endowment.....	Lon Gellhaus (17)
Memorial Treasurer.....	Linda Thurston (18)
Trustees Representative.....	Laurie Mitchell (19)
Pastor/Parish Relations Chair.....	Lon Gellhaus (18)
Education.....	Angela Dobbins (19)
.....	Kim Weber (19)
Missions.....	Karla Pasteur (17)
Hospitality Chair.....	Jolene Townsend (18)
Membership Record.....	Anita Lowary (17)
UMW President.....	Jolene Townsend (17)
UMYF	Joey Padfield, Sabrina Padfield (19)
Jr UMYF.....	Linda Thurston (19)

2017

Jaymie Overacker

2018

Dale Kramer

2019

Roger Rix

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee conducts an annual audit of the church financial records and completes the audit report.

2017

Anita Lowary

2018

Allen Walter

2019

Karla Davidson

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the general oversight of all matters pertaining to property. This includes such items as attending to all legal technicalities having to do with purchase of property, as well as improvements, remodeling, and maintenance. It is the responsibility of the Trustees to see that inventory of church property is kept current and that there is adequate insurance. The Board of Trustees is the custodian of all legal papers.

Chairperson.....Laurie Mitchell (19)
Secretary.....*to be elected*

2017
Marc Johnson
Neil Gilbert
Cliff Pray

2018
Justin Morehouse
Damian Bahr
Chuck Padfield

2019
Laurie Mitchell
Kelli Hanson
Jeanne Wanous
Ian Rose

Education Committee

This committee is responsible for the church’s educational ministry. The educational ministry includes, but is not limited to, Sunday School, Bible School, Confirmation, special programs, and classes for all age groups within our church. The Education Committee determines educational policy, recruits, train and guide teachers, select curriculum, and keeps proper records.

ChairpersonAngela Dobbins (19)
ChairpersonKim Weber (19)
Chairperson.....Britni Carlson (19)
UMYF (God Squad).....Joey Padfield, Sabrina Padfield, and Pastor
Jr.UMYF (SuperCiple) & Confirmation.....Linda Thurston and Pastor
Adult Education.....Kay Daly & Pastor
All Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers

Family Workbook Committee (ad hoc)

This committee is responsible to annually update the Work Committee Handbook. The goal is to have dependable work committees composed of all church members, which will enrich worship, promote fellowship and maintain the church.

Chair.....Carna Atherton-Pray (18)
Membership Secretary.....Anita Lowary (17)

2017
Diann Morehouse
Jane Johnson

2018
Carna Atherton-Pray
Gloria Pharis

2019
Caralee Heitmann

Finance Committee

This Committee receives all financial askings to be included in the annual budget of the local church. It creates an annual budget for the local church and submits it to the Administrative Council for review and adoption. The Committee is responsible for creating and implementing plans which will raise sufficient income to meet the budget and financing of major projects.

Financial Chair.....Alan Strom (18)
Secretary..... *to be elected*
Church Treasurer.....Kristi Peterson (19)
Financial Secretary.....Myndi Kampa (19)
Lay Leader.....Dale Kramer (19)
Lay Member of Annual Conference.....Carna Atherton-Pray (17)
Chairperson of Administrative Council.....Brad Morehouse (19)
Representative of Board of Trustees.....Laurie Mitchell (19)
Representative to the Permanent Endowment Board.....Lon Gellhaus (17)
Representative of the SPRC.....Lon Gellhaus (18)
Pastor.....

2017

2018
Amanda Morehouse

2019
Randy Stanley

Hospitality Committee

This committee shall recommend activities and structures to respond to the evangelistic mission of the local church. In cooperation with the pastor, it is responsible for designing and implementing ministries which care for members, persons new to the community, and inactive members. This task force is also responsible to provide welcoming contact with new persons visiting the church. Assistance will also be given to funeral families as needed, and coordination for blessing showers. The goal is to provide extra care and comfort to visitors, and during special times of need and support in the lives of members.

Hospitality Chair.....Jolene & Alan Townsend (19)

2017
Melissa Gilbert
Pat Dahlquist
Jan Rapp

2018
Diane & Brad Morehouse
Laurie & AM Mitchell

2019
Jolene & Alan Townsend
Carna & Cliff Pray

Memorial Committee

This Committee receives memorials, acknowledges memorial gifts by sending thank you notes, and assists people in selecting memorials that will be of greatest service to the church.

Chairperson & Treasurer.....Linda Thurston (18)
Pastor

2017
Meri Erickson
Alan Strom

2018
Linda Thurston
Marjae Schinkel

2019
Gloria Pharis
Jane Johnson

Missions Committee

This committee is responsible for providing mission education activities and to recommend to the Council what mission offerings and projects in which our church shall take part.

Chairperson.....Karla Pasteur (17)

2017
Karla Pasteur
Kami Lipp

2018
Sue Stanley
Jessica Morehouse

2019
Becky Diegel
Val Baker
Judy Zeck

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is chaired by the Pastor, and the Lay Leader is a member in addition to other members, numbering no more than nine. The committee shall nominate to the Charge Conference in its annual session such officers and members of the Administrative Council and other committees. To provide experience and stability of the committees, the membership on committees will be divided into three classes. Nominations for this committee are to take place at the Annual Charge Conference.

Chairperson.....Pastor
Lay Leader.....Dale Kramer (19)

2017
Caralee Heitmann
Tyke Nyberg

2018
Marjae Schinkel
Fran Sippel

2019
Carol Strom
Sharon Wheeting

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

(See PPR Section)

Permanent Endowment Fund Board

This board shall provide for members and friends of the church opportunities to make charitable gifts to the Groton UMC that will become a permanent Endowment of financial support and a living memorial. The Endowment Program is intended for purposes that are not a part of the church’s established programs which are funded through the annual operating budget of the church and the regular giving of its members.

- President.....Lon Gellhaus (17)
- Secretary.....*to be elected*
- Treasurer.....Kristi Peterson (19)
- Chairperson or Rep of the Committee on Finance.....Alan Strom (17)
- Memorial Fund Treasurer.....Linda Thurston (18)
- Church Treasurer.....Kristi Peterson (19)
- Rep from the Board of Trustees.....Laurie Mitchell (19)
- Pastor (ex officio)

Conde UMC Mission Statement

The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all.



Conde Lay Leader's Report

[Psalm 25:21](#) May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.

As we come closer to this monumental election, I have been thinking a lot about integrity, or lack thereof, in many facets of our lives these days. I believe we each have a responsibility to show integrity and honesty, to set good examples for our younger generations.

[Titus 2:7](#) In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity

We see lack of respect for others, dishonesty, and hopelessness in all aspects of our lives. Just reading the newspaper headlines makes me sad. Integrity is lacking everywhere—in our government, in our jobs, in our homes and in our churches. When will it stop? It has to stop with us.

[2 Corinthians 8:21](#) For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

We are the only hope...each of us needs to do what is right. If we all step up, we can make a difference. We have seen how working together brings good, whether it was through our shoebox Christmas giving, our giving through missions during the year, or by helping someone in need in our Community. Our Vacation Bible School is a wonderful, positive experience for the youth of the community. We all make a difference. Make that difference be a positive one.

In Christ's Love,
Betty Geist
Conde Lay Leader

Conde Mission Committee Report

The Conde Church completes several mission projects throughout the year. The congregation is kept informed, so they can decide what is most important to them and contribute on an individual basis. We try to support needs in our local community as well as mission projects suggested by the Dakota Conference. For this small church, mission work is a top priority. In the past year, our mission projects included the following:

-) Observance of the six Special Sundays by taking an offering.
-) Food items collected for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Redfield. In the past, the UMW has also given cash or gifts to children that are selected by the Center. This 2016 Christmas, we are going to choose cards from the Angel Trees in Aberdeen, and purchase gifts for those children.
-) UMCOR Kits: School (30) Health (20) Layettes (4)
-) World Hunger – Every fourth Sunday the undesignated offering goes to this.
-) Collection of pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and pop can for various mission projects.
-) Habitat for Humanity – Persons give a donation on their Birthday.
-) Church World Service Blankets – On Mother’s Day, people in the congregation can give a donations in memory or in honor of someone.
-) Christmas Shoeboxes – We work with the Aberdeen North Highland Church on this project. Our purchases or cash are taken up to that church, and they put together the boxes to be delivered to the Enemy Swim Indian School.
-) Christmas Eve Offering – This is designated for a need within the community. There may not be such a need at that particular time, but this can be used anytime throughout the year.
-) Community Vacation Bible School – This is a local mission sponsored by the Conde UMC with additional teachers and helpers from other churches. The event really brings the community together, and is a time to offer learning and fun for the children in all the churches.
-) Crisis Fund – We helped two families purchase school supplies.
-) UMW used the “free will” offering from their **Spring Fling** program to buy “back to school” shoes for the same two families.
-) Collect One Item – This was started in October 2016, and we will continue this project into the coming year. The item will change each month and so will the recipient. The October collection was for paper towels and toilet paper, and these will be given to Safe Harbor in Aberdeen.

Donna Hearnen

Conde 2017 Goals

-) Host one dinner theater a year in late March or early April.
-) Start a monthly one thing challenge.
-) Sponsor a parents shopping / date night. (we will invite parents to drop their children off while they go out shopping or out for a date.)
-) Host two community’s meals / activities a year.

Conde Budget

	2017
CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	6,000
WORSHIP MINISTRY	
Music/Substitute Organist @ \$20	100
Organ & Piano Tuning & Maintenance	150
Altar Guild (Candles, etc...)	0
Pulpit Supply	250
Worship Ministry Total	500
EDUCATION MINISTRY	
Vacation Bible School	1,250
Education Ministry Total	1,250
LOCAL MINISTRY	
Camp Scholarships (1/2 cost)	200
Crisis Fund/Outreach	100
Continuing Education Opportunities	100
Programming	100
Local Ministry Total	500
CHURCH BUILDING	
Utilities - elec, gas, water, sewer, phone	6,500
Maintenance & Supplies & Janitorial	1,000
Insurance	2,150
Taxes (80 acres)	650
Office Supplies (Conde copy machines, Etc..)	650
Janitorial	1,500
Church Building Total	12,450
Total for Conde Church	20,700
PARISH FUND	
Pastor's Compensation	
ARP	1476.00
Pension - Fund 3	1946.70
Pension	90.00
Healthflex	2163.06
Healthflex Pastor Premium	772.74
Pastor's Salary	6,164.82
Medical Reimbursement	180.00
Subtotal Pastor's Compensation	12,793.32
Parsonage	
Utilities	810
Phone/Cable	594
Insurance	405
Subtotal Parsonage	1809
Office Expenses	
Copier	288
Phone & Internet	225
Supplies	144
Secretary	576
CCLI License	36
Computer/Office Furniture	90
Subtotal Office Expenses	1,359
Other Expenses	
Conference	306
Substitute Preaching	144
Miscellaneous	72
Subtotal Other Expenses	522
Parish Fund Total	16,483.32
Maintenance Fund for Parish Parsonage	432
Total Budget	37,615.32

Conde Membership Report

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| 1. Bruckner, Leslie | 15. Haskell, Joyce | 25. Sanderson, Richard |
| 2. Bruckner, Julie | 16. Hearnen, Donna | 26. Sanderson, Dorothy |
| 3. Bruckner, Cary Alan | 17. Herman, Bruce | 27. Scherbenske, Shanna |
| 4. Bruckner, Marcene | | 28. Siefken, Loren |
| 5. Bruckner, Shane | 18. Imsland, Janette | 29. Siefken, Patricia |
| | | 30. Smith, Norman |
| 6. Evans, Alan | 19. Jensen, Marion | 31. Smith, Cynthia |
| | | 32. Smith, Floyd |
| 7. Fahrenwald, Myron | 20. Knoll, Patricia | |
| 8. Fahrenwald, Joan | | 33. Taylor, Betty |
| | 21. Lyren, Eva | 34. Taylor, Diane |
| 9. Geist, Andee | | |
| 10. Geist, Tim | 22. Neiber, Hunter | 35. Walter, Horace |
| 11. Geist, Betty | | 36. Walter, Donna |
| | 23. Peterson, Greg | 37. Worlie, Richard |
| 12. Hanlon, Guy | | 38. Worlie, Jane |
| 13. Hanlon, Renee | 24. Ragels, Colin | |
| 14. Haskell, Darrel | | |

Conde Committee on Lay Leadership

Report to the Charge Conference

Persons are contacted about their willingness to serve in an office of the church for the first year of their term, but not contacted in following years when there is a term date after their name. Thanks for your help.

Administrative Council

The purpose of the Administrative Council shall be to initiate planning, receive reports, set goals, authorize action, determine policy, evaluate the church's ministries, and review the state of the church. Members, organizations and agencies of the local church are amenable to the Administrative Council. A sub-committee on lay leadership (nominations) will be appointed at the appropriate times.

Chairperson.....	Cindy Smith
Secretary.....	Pat Siefken
Lay Leader.....	Patty Knoll (19)
Lay member of the Annual Conference.....	Groton Member
Church Treasurer.....	Jane Worlie
Financial Secretary.....	Cindy Smith
Church School Superintendent & Education Com Chair.....	Pat Siefken
Trustees Representative (Chair).....	Bud Bruckner(18)
Financial Committee Chairperson.....	Norman Smith
Pastor/Parish Committee Representative	Bruce Herman (19)
Membership & Evangelism Chairperson.....	Betty Geist
Missions Committee Chairperson.....	Donna Hearnen
President of UMW.....	Donna Hearnen
Historian.....	Donna Hearnen

Members at Large - All Church Members

Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

(See PPR Section)

Audit Committee

The audit committee conducts an annual audit of all of the church financial records, including all organizations that are a part of the church.. Audit to be conducted as soon after January 1 as possible. Senior member is chairperson.

-) Julie Bruckner
-) Norman Smith
-) Loren Siefken

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees is responsible for the general oversight of all matters pertaining to property. This includes such items as attending to legal technicalities having to do with purchase of property as well as improvements, remodeling and maintenance. It is the responsibility of the Trustees to see that inventory of church property is kept current and that there is adequate insurance. The board of Trustees is the custodian of all legal papers.

Chairperson.....Bud Bruckner (18)
Secretary.....committee appointed

2017
Greg Peterson

2018
Bud Bruckner

2019
Horace Walter

Christian Education Committee

This committee is responsible for the church's educational ministry. The educational ministry includes, but is not limited to, Sunday School, Bible School, Confirmation, special programs and classes for all age groups within our church. The Education Committee determines educational policy, recruits, trains and guides teachers, select curriculum and keeps proper records.

Director.....Pat Siefken
Adult Education.....Patty Knoll

Finance Committee

This committee receives all financial askings to be included in the annual budget of the local church.. It creates an annual budget for the local church and submits it to the Administrative Council for review and adoption. The Committee is responsible for creating and implementing plans which will raise sufficient income to meet the budget and financing major projects.

Chairperson.....Norm Smith
Treasurer.....Jane Worlie
Financial Secretary.....Cindy Smith
Lay Leader.....Patty Knoll
Lay Member of the Annual ConferenceGroton Member
Chairperson of Administrative Council.....Cindy Smith
Representative of Board of Trustees.....Bud Bruckner
Pastor.....

Membership Committee

This committee shall recommend activities and structures to respond to the evangelistic mission of the local church. In cooperation with the pastor, it is responsible for designing and implementing ministries which care for members, persons new to the community, and inactive members. Takes the task of lovingly remembering our church family on their birthdays and anniversaries. It is a membership nurturing way to stay connected with members.

Chair.....Pastor
Financial Secretary.....Cindy Smith
Membership Secretary.....Betty Geist

Memorial Committee

This committee receives memorials, acknowledges memorial gifts by sending thank you notes, and assists people in selecting memorials that shall be of greatest service to the church.

Chairperson & Treasurer.....Patty Knoll

J Jane Worlie
J Donna Hearnen
J Marcene Bruckner

Missions Committee

This committee is responsible for providing mission education activities and to recommend to the Council what mission offerings and projects in which our church shall take part in.

Chairperson.....Donna Hearnen

J Marcene Bruckner
J Jane Worlie
J Donna Walter