



Annual Report to Northern Spirit Region of the United Church of Canada from Kirk United Church Centre

Kirk United Church Centre, also known as Kirk Centre, is an Incorporated Ministry of the United Church of Canada, located in the neighbourhood of Dovercourt in Northwest Edmonton, Alberta.

When Kirk United Church was in the process of disbanding, the congregation turned the church building over to the United Church of Canada and since then it has evolved into a community hub known as Kirk Centre.

In December of 2019 Kirk Centre was incorporated under the Province of Alberta Societies Act. Kirk Centre reports to the Northern Spirit Regional Council in accordance with the Incorporated Ministries policy.

Kirk Centre is a vibrant, welcoming hub, and integral partner in building community in northwest Edmonton.

Kirk Centre provides an open, safe, diverse and inclusive facility, working collaboratively with other non-profit organizations to help meet the identified cultural, educational, spiritual and physical needs of the residents of Dovercourt and its neighbouring communities.

Kirk Centre is governed by a Board of Directors currently consisting of five United Church members and one community member:

Larry Derkach - Chair

Susan Waldie - Secretary

Wilson MacLennan - Treasurer

Darlene Bakker – Director

Jacqueline Hunt – Director

Connie Clarke – Director

Kirk Centre has two Employees:

Sally-Anne Woolnough – Executive Director

Shelly Arsenault – Building Caretaker

At the beginning of the pandemic, Kirk Centre was home to six faith assemblies, two catering groups, five levels of Girl Guides, three levels of Scout groups, and several community groups including yoga, meditation, Gamblers Anonymous, a youth magic club, a sports club and a trail riding association: with about four hundred and fifty people using the facility in a typical week. A daycare centre with a capacity of thirty was about to open, but that has been postponed due to the pandemic. In addition, Kirk Centre is the home base for two Northern Spirit Region staff and a grief counsellor.

Due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 the past year has been a difficult year for Kirk Centre in that space rentals have been limited by restrictions. We look forward to a bright future when gatherings and meetings can be held safely, and activities are allowed to resume.

Larry Derkach

Chair - Kirk Centre Board of Directors