

Often in our life together we are thankful for the work people do for our community. Unfortunately, even though we are thankful, we sometimes forget to offer our thanks or struggle to find the right words or actions to express our appreciation. Today I want to offer my thanks, on all of our behalf, to three individuals working incredibly hard for our family of faith. Our three treasurers; Al Fath (Pastoral Charge Treasurer), Sharon Lashmar (Holden Treasurer) and May Korobko (Tofield Treasurer), have been doing a great deal of work behind the scenes to continue to support each of our churches during this pandemic. It may seem strange to single them out, as they work together with groups of people on the councils and the Board, but these three folks have been doing so much work to continue to connect with people online and through the mail, in order to continue to meet our expenses and commitments to our wider work. Additionally, they have continued to offer us a real perspective of how each congregation is managing this pandemic financially.

They have been in regular contact with one another to work together to file for some financial relief and to support one another in the best ways they can. They have worked to file the proper paperwork for our United Church statistics and have been keeping myself, and the members of the council apprised of any concerns and of all the joys. What is even more incredible to me is that all of this work that they have been doing is 100% volunteered and not once have I heard any of them complain or even suggest that they want to give it up. We are all blessed that these three folks and others like Floyd Irwin, Lyle Albrecht, Janet Winsnes, Peggy Kozoway and Don Swift, have been so willing to help our treasurers during these times of transition and change. Without the work of these fine folks this time would have been much more stressful for our councils and our Board; and thus, much more stressful for us all.

We offer our thanks to you May, Sharon and Al for the work that you are doing during this time and always. We are blessed that each of you have so freely offered your gifts to our churches in this way.

Thank you!

Sincerely and in deep appreciation,

The Rev. Adam Hall