

Hillsview Pastoral Charge Mission Statement

We hear, share and live out the Gospel as a welcoming Christian community striving to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

(1) Community Profile - Bowsman

Hillsview is a 2 point charge. Bowsman is one point, and 30 minutes away is the second point in the town of Minitonas.

The village of Bowsman with a population of 300 is located at the foot of the beautiful Porcupine Mountains and is surrounded by rich farmland. The largest trading centre, Swan River, is located half way between Bowsman and Minitonas. It has many amenities including a Wellness Centre with an indoor pool.

At the entrance to the village the first thing one sees is the United Church. Rounding the corner and down the street there is a hotel and restaurant. The outside of the hotel has a lovely mural featuring wildlife often seen in the surrounding areas. There is also a post office, village office, fire hall, senior residence, legion hall, library, skating rink, curling rink, and school for grades junior kindergarten through eight.

The Bowsman Lion's Club is very active in and around the community. There is also an annual indoor rodeo each October known as "Bullarama". Bowsman is fortunate to boast great outdoor opportunities. We are near lakes where fishing, canoeing and boating are popular. In winter ski-doing and cross-country skiing are popular and we also are near a great down-hill ski area. The village of Bowsman hit the national news some years ago when they "burned the biffies"!

(1) Community Profile – Minitonas

Town of Minitonas located in southeast corner of Hillsview Pastoral Charge.
Current church built in 1952
Population of town is approximately 500 – surrounded by farming and logging
Major local industry is Louisiana Pacific Canada

Social & economic base

- Post Office
- Service Station
- Hotel
- Firewall
- General store with Credit Union agency
- Restaurant/bus depot
- Takeout pizza/baking
- Town Hall
- Viterra Depot
- Used clothing depot
- Library
- Giftware store/coffee shop
- Minitonas/Bowsman Municipal office

Elementary & middle year's schools
Skating rink – recreational hockey for youth & adults; figure skating
Walking paths- fitness area
Beach volleyball court
Garden Club
Home based businesses
Elderly persons units (2)
Churches – One United Church; two Baptist churches; one People's
Bible Church

Swan River – 15 minutes away
Health Centre
Medical clinic
Golf course
Wellness Centre – swimming pool

(2) Ministry of Pastoral Charge Profile - Bowsman

Members & adherent families: 120

Families attending church: 25 / 30 per week

Senior families: 90%

Our mission statement: "To be a welcoming Christian community of faith, supporting one another in doing God's work in our church, community and world".

Attendance each Sunday consists of about 25 enthusiastic congregants. We like to sing and we have pianists, a violinist and a small choir. We use Voices United and More Voices and the choir accesses various other music. We like to share and enjoy doing so as it fits into the services. We embrace various styles of worship. We also like to eat and each Sunday we have lunch and fellowship following the service.

Our church building is used for TOPS (weight loss group) Monday evenings and Aboriginal Headstart on Tuesdays. Saturdays and many Thursdays the church is bustling with our Bowsman United Church Quilt Group (BUCQG). Our quilt group welcomes quilters and would-be quilters from around the valley. The group gifts prayer quilts for joys, sorrows and transitions to people connected to the church and beyond.

While we currently have no children attending church we do keep them in our hearts. The BUCQG made bags with a letter of love and support to families with children one Christmas and last year made pillowcases for children.

(2) Ministry of Pastoral Charge profile – Minitonas

Knox United church strives to a loving and faithful community welcoming all people in their life and faith journey.

Members & Adherents	90	
Families Attending		20
Senior Families	55	
Sunday School	16	

Age Demographic: 61% seniors; 22% 20-60 years; 17% children

Mission Statement

Knox United Church, in response to God’s love, will strive to be a loving and faithful community embracing all. We will be a church that is welcoming of all people at various stages of their life and faith journey. We will reach out in support and by example; we will continually seek to nurture the faith and spirit of others, as well as ourselves.

(3) Resources Profile - Bowsman

We are a small church rich in resources. We have energetic music leadership, technology support, people skilled in dramatic presentation, skilled worship leadership both from the worship committee and four lay worship leaders.

While our numbers are low, we have a large bank of adherents who are willing to help with fundraising events such as our spring and fall smorgs. We also have access to the Bowsman Legion Hall at a very reasonable rate where we hold larger events.

The valley has five United Church worship points and a Wellman Lake United Church Camp. We enjoy occasional joint services and one service a year has traditionally been held at the camp.

Ministers from the above worship points have been meeting monthly for planning and fellowship. There is also an active ministerial group in the valley.

(3) Resources Profile – Minitonas:

Annual Giving’s	\$46,320
Mission & Service	\$2,000
Fundraising	\$8,922
Church & Property insured	\$

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Position Profile:

Small two point charge, rich in resources, in rural Manitoba seeks a minister three days a week. We would like bible based worship services twice a month, including presiding at the Lord's Supper, and support to those interested in providing worship leadership. As time permits we would appreciate visitation to hospitals and care homes and support to those willing to do visitation. As time permits, we would also appreciate officiating for funerals, wedding s and baptisms.

Office hours at the churches, if possible are welcomed. Attendance is needed at local board meetings. Official board meetings are held four times a year. There is a local ministerial group that meets monthly. Help could come from the lay ministry and worship committees

Skills Profile:

We would like to be supported by a minister who provides bible based leadership and is energetic and enthusiastic about preaching.

We are an aging population and would like help with life transitions as the situations arise.

A minister who is versatile in worship style and open to working with the worship committee would be welcomed.

We are aware that the future of our church may not look the same as it is now. We are interested in someone who will guide and walk with us when /if changes arise.

Terms Profile

.60 (60%) minister's position.

All salary and compensation will be as per the United Church of Canada compensation guidelines. These figures will reflect both the category of ministerial position the successful candidate is in and the particular level within that category. All figures will be pro-rated to reflect the .6 (60%) position that is being offered.