

# Seeley's Bay and Olivet United Churches

## Vision 2027 Survey

As most of you are aware, since the sale of the Lyndhurst United Church building, we have had the benefit of the proceeds of that sale to maintain the operation of our Pastoral Charge. By early 2027, at our current rate, we will have exhausted these funds and the congregations must make a decision, as to how to raise the extra \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year, to move forward.

At this point there appear to be 4 options.

**1. Reduce operating costs by selling one or both of the church buildings.**

Money would be invested and used to pay salaries and rental space for worship for several more years.

Money from property sales will have restrictions from Regional and National Councils of the United Church of Canada.

**2. Reduce staffing costs by increasing the scope of the Charge.**

This could be done by creating a cluster with nearby pastoral charges and would involve 1 or more ministers serving the needs of more than 1 current pastoral charge.

Staff salaries would be shared if adding to our current total Charge.

The position of Minister would legally need to be applied for, since the terms of the Call would have changed.

Shared personnel salaries would be adjusted.

**3. Reduce the ministerial responsibilities to ½ or ¾ time.**

This would correspondingly reduce the Minister's salary but would also reduce their workload in the community and the church in our Pastoral Charge.

Also, the terms of the Call are changed.

**4. Sell the manse.**

If the manse is sold, then a housing allowance must be provided. Currently the savings may be minimal, if at all.

Here again, the terms of the Call are changed.

Please indicate your preference by choosing one of the above options.

This is an anonymous survey so your signature is not necessary.

If you have other viable options or comments, please list them below.

Comments:

Drop off survey at 195 Main St. Seeley's Bay, at either church on Sunday 10 am, or mail to PO 163 Seeley's Bay. Survey is also available on line at [SBPastoralCharge.ca](http://SBPastoralCharge.ca).

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