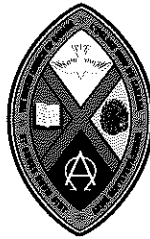


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Dear Ms. Mckechney,

On behalf of The United Church of Canada, I greet you, the other members of the board, the staff, and all those who will gather on October 18th to say good bye to Calling Lakes Centre. Even though I am unable to be with you to mark the end of more than 6 decades of wonderful service and leadership to our church, I am among the untold thousands who give thanks for all the ways Calling Lakes Centre, and PCTC before it, have enriched their lives, their ministries, their congregations, and their communities.

Since its expectant beginning in 1951, Calling Lakes Centre has stood for the best in The United Church of Canada: a core commitment to equipping the Whole People of God for leadership; resourcing communities of faith for ministry and mission in their contexts; education for deep personal change and social transformation; hospitality to all, especially the vulnerable, marginalized, and spiritually hungry; respect for the land; and an enthusiasm for the liberating ways of the Spirit of God.

The very nails and timbers of Calling Lakes Centre shout and whisper 60 years of children's laughter and families at play, the jubilation of songs and the silence of contemplation, the "aha!" of fresh insights and the "what if" of new questions, the sound of pennies dropping, passions rising, and community forming. Throughout its existence, the people of the Calling Lakes Centre have provided a feast for body, mind and spirit, and The United Church of Canada thanks you all for being such wonderful partners in service of God's vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

With appreciation and gratitude,

The Rt. Rev. Gary Paterson
Moderator

