## Mewassin

## Free Methodist church

"Commitment to Spiritual Renewal



Good Morning Mayor Shaigec, Council Members,: Parkland CAO Mr. Mike Heck.

My name is Eldon Greanya, Representing Mewassin Free Methodist Church, within Division Five of Parkland County. I trust my presentation will help us to be more comfortable in giving tax relief to our organization.

I wish to reference the business of the day RFD 19-101 Municipal Tax Manses E.1

It has recently been brought to my attention that churches within the County, that own property, and are given a tax break pending the advantage of the contribution they make to the health and welfare of our society. Any recognition for their/our efforts are much appreciated.

We feel that our contribution will, and has made the Parkland County a better place for all to live. For example too, all our actions are Bible based.

We begin by nurturing our own people through gatherings and weekly meetings for various groups such as:

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, and support to encourage those who go through difficult and emotional times.

The Men also meet Tuesday evening to pray, support, and discuss ways they can help the needy in our area.

A mixed cell group also meets Thursday evening to encourage those who may have social or spiritual needs within our area. All our groups are open to multiple Faiths and Churches.

Our regular Sunday Morning Worship Service and Sunday School, is always a highlight.

Box 25, Duffield, AB, TOE 0N0 780-731-2180 Reg. Charity # 891637571RR0001 Out of these sessions persons are sent to give support to; The Hope Mission; The Mustard Seed; Transportation to the Handicapped; and Food Bank; only to mention a few. Hospital visitations take place as time permits. We have also participated in Palliative care.

One couple is consistent with delivering a positive Biblical message to the inmates at the Edmonton Maximum Security Jail.

We have a Benevolent account waiting to help those in need.

Roadside clean up is an annual event with Alberta Transportation.

Christmas celebration is an annual event open to the extended community and very well attended. Many other special events are celebrated.

Our pastor is also Chaplin for the Stony Plain Legion.

We definitely provide a more Healthy life style to those who will participate.

Until our new Church facility is complete, the existing Church and Manse are used where and when needed.

We feel it is imperative that there be some moral guidance to maintain the integrity within the social structure of our society in which we live, work, and play.

Thank You for this opportunity to share.

Sincerely, Eldon Greanya, resident volunteer and tax payer.

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