

Hello from FSLDW President Elizabeth

Then Let Us Sing! is on its way... expected to be released this fall!

This new UCC online musical portal hymnal and music resource ‘...will contain most of the pieces you love from *Voices United*, *More Voices* and *Nos voix unies* plus a collection of NEW music’. (from thenletussing.ca)

In the meantime, a sampler is circulating to enjoy and review.

To that end, on Sunday Jan 12, 26 enthusiastic singers from three pastoral charges gathered at Harmony United Church in east Saint John to test the sampler of *Then Let us Sing!* To see pictures, check out [FSLDW Facebook page](#).

It came about after Tracy Friars, Harmony’s Regional Rep attended a breakout session for *Then Let Us Sing!* during the FSLDW Annual Meeting May, 2023. I remember how pumped Tracy was after that workshop. (another benefit of attending the AM)

Filled with music, Tracy signed up for further information and discovered that the *Then Let Us Sing!* committee was looking for churches that might want to volunteer to test a sampler.

So, Harmony UC volunteered and invited neighbouring congregations to join.

After Sunday’s sampling, Harmony’s music director Terri-Lynn McNichol said “the sampler showed the careful thought and consideration the UCC is taking to make more inclusive language and musical culture available to all. It is an immense undertaking, and reviewing the sampler was a valuable exercise.”

Across the church, congregations are wading in the waters of *Then Let Us Sing!* and reporting back to the coordinators of this immense project.

It is said, that in each generation Spirit calls us to sing our faith in new ways.

I remember how excited I was when *More Voices* was released 17 years ago in 2007. It is exciting to await the resource for these decades.

In Peace,

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